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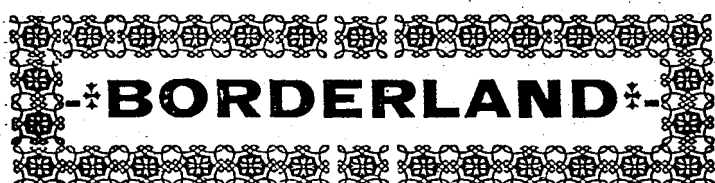
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GREETING FROM CELESTIA.

Among the flowery groves elysian,
Mid fountains sweetly flowing,
We'll enjoy with happy vision
The ever-blooming, growing
Scenes of fadeless beauty,
For nothing fades away,
And every part's on duty
In our home of endless day.
Our work is one of pleasure;
Therefore, we'll never tire,
For labor's the soul's treasure,
And its inspiration fire.
And on the planes of glory,
Where all is bliss divine,
We'll chant the loving story
Of life in strains sublime. M.E.T.
Santa Barbara, Cal.



Projected Consciousness.

A lady sojourning in a hotel received a severe nervous attack one day from the sudden appearance of a man's face at the door of the parlor of her suite of rooms, accompanied by the abrupt question: "Are you ready?"

Not long after, wishing to go down, she rang the elevator bell. As the elevator reached her floor, the same face appeared—it was the face of the elevator man—and he asked: "Are you ready?"

Her nervous terror at once returned, and she answered, "No," and returned to her room. The elevator broke on that trip and the operator of it was killed by the fall.

Spirits in a Seminary.

An Episcopal minister died at Benicia, Cal., and was buried there. A few years after, his remains were removed to Nashotah, Wisconsin, he being one of the founders of the theological seminary at that place. After its arrival, the casket containing the remains of Dr. Breck lay for a time in a room on the ground floor of one of the buildings, and watchers sat by it until the time for the reburial came.

On the night before the reburial, one of the watchers was the Rev. Charles P. Dorset, now of Texas, for 15 years rector of St. James' church in Chicago, and a resident of that city from before the fire. His companion was a clergyman, who is at present presiding over a Chicago parish. Along in the hours toward morning, the Chicago clergyman left the building for a little turn in the fresh air, but in a moment came rushing back with the exclamation:

"Dorset, Dorset, the woods are full of ghosts!"

Both clergymen went out. In every direction through the trees

they saw figures flitting, darting hither and thither in a wild and fitful dance. The clergymen approached the woods, but the figures in front drew back, moving off to the right and left of them. Naturally the clergymen asked themselves: "Are those real men, and, if so, what kind of lonely neighborhood turned out to dance there in the small hours of the morning in the seminary woods?" Were the staid theological students out at that unseemly hour, on a night made solemn as the eve of the second funeral of the founder of their school? And, even if farmers or students had been moved to do so

the morning, when the casket was moved, there was a round hole burned right through the floor, on the spot where the casket had stood. A heap of old papers underneath the floor also had been burned. Had fire found its way under the building to this spot in the mass of paper, and so up through the floor? Perhaps. The freaks of the real are often as strange as anything we attribute to the unreal.

But several things must here be noted. If the fire came in under the floor from without, it escaped setting fire to other debris in its transit. Moreover, the appearance

abruptly terminated by a startling and tremendous racket just outside the door, a clattering and whacking so deafening that it made conversation impossible. Waiting a moment in the vain hope that it would cease, Dr. Gardner threw open the door and looked into the hall. The noise ceased instantly. All was silent in the hall. No one was visible. Whoever it was had taken themselves off with a rapidity that was miraculous. Whoever it was had possessed ears of some sense that made them aware, above the tremendous racket, of the soft turn of the knob of the office door.

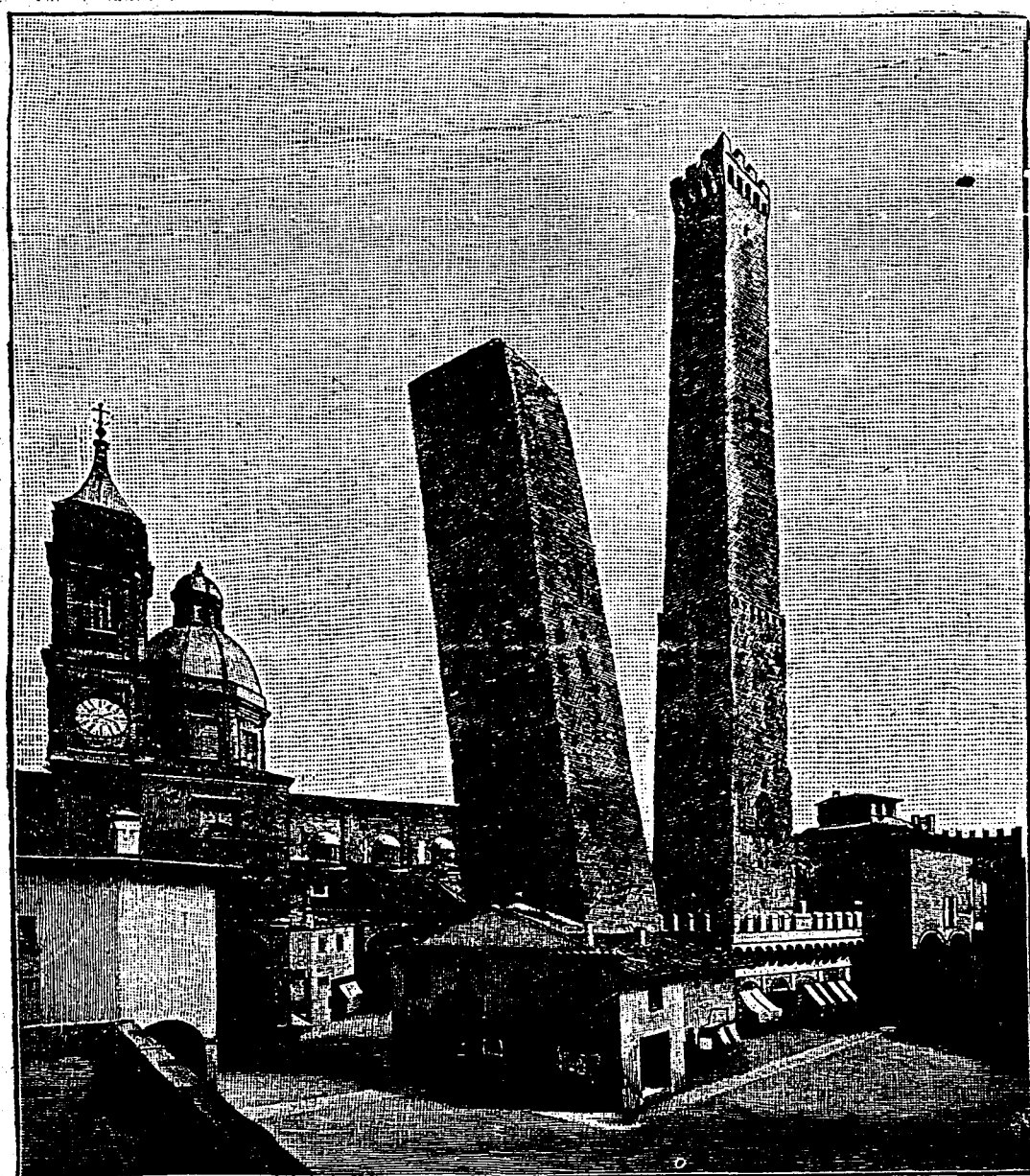
After an examination of the premises, Dr. Gardner returned to the office. Whoever the disturbers were they had followed Dr. Gardner, unheard, to the door, for hardly had he re-entered the room and seated himself, when the racket began once more just over the threshold. Again the doctor snatched open the door, and again the noise ceased instantly and utterly. A third time the noise began, and the doctor spoke out into the empty hall, saying: "If you are gentlemen, you will cease disturbing us."

After the burial of Dr. Breck, a photograph was taken of the cemetery of the seminary. One of the students was the photographer. In the foreground of the picture can be seen two graves, just as they appeared in the cemetery. But at the foot of each grave stands something no visitor has ever seen, and it is to be hoped, for the peace of his mind, none will see. At the foot of one grave stands its occupant, the Rev. Dr. Cole, former president of the seminary, in full canonicals. At the foot of the other grave stands the counterfeit presentiment of its occupant, a lady who, during life, was a great benefactor of the seminary.

When these startling things appeared at the time the photograph was developed, the seminary authorities decided that possibly some well-timed conjunction of sunlight and foliage was the cause of these images; that they had no real existence, but were only shadows. So they had the picture thrown upon a screen by a stereopticon. But the figures only came out more plainly, so plainly that there was no denying that they were the well-remembered features of Dr. Cole and the seminary's benefactor. The possibilities of photography were not so well known then as now.

Sally Eastman.

Some 60 years ago there lived in a rural town in the Granite State, a lady by the name of Sally Eastman. People said she had fits. At church she would sometimes be taken partially, or wholly uncon-



Leaning Towers at Bologna, Italy.

strange a thing, where did they get the untiring strength that made these things in the woods dance so fiercely and so lightly?

The two clergymen did not believe the apparitions were men, nor could they afterward find that any one had been out at that hour or knew of any one who had been abroad in the seminary woods at that time. They were satisfied the figures were ghosts, or that some strange phantasmagoria had deceived not one mind, but two, which an illusion of this sort generally does.

But the strange experience of the watchers had not ended. In

of the hole and the area of the burned paper seemed to indicate that the fire had burned from above downward, like the ray of a burning glass. How did the fire come to burn this hole, apparently from above, directly under the casket, which, it must be explained, rested directly on the floor? No one can answer. No one has yet even hazarded a conjecture to explain this strange occurrence.

But this is not the end of tales of ghosts at Nashotah. At night the faculty of the institution sat in the office of Dr. Gardner, the president, discussing the recent events. Suddenly their discussion was

scious, remaining so for days, or weeks, as the case might be, before she became her normal self. At those times she could perform elaborate labor, that at other times she knew nothing about.

In those days ladies spun and wove the cloth to clothe their families. When Sally had her fits (trances) her neighbors would tell her of some difficult pattern that they wanted to have woven. Her ready hands (as we believe, assisted by an angel band) would nimbly start the web in her looms; but when the change passed away, she could do no more, until she became that way again, when she would resume her task, thus continuing until the web was finished.

Whatever she prophesied on such times invariably came to pass. At one time she told her friends that she, herself, would soon take a ride; that her horse would stumble when rising a hill and fall; that beneath his feet would be found many dollars in money. The prophecy proved true, to the letter.

The falling of converts at the Methodist camp-meeting (called at that time the losing of their strength), in which they had beautiful visions of heaven and of the angels, was but the budding of Spiritualism, that blossomed forth through the Fox sisters; that has since mounted the proud horse of Science, and ridden post-haste over both hemispheres, climbed the throne of monarchs, and been the power behind it; entered the sick-room to drive away disease, and hand to puzzled physicians, and is marching triumphantly, hand in hand, with skill and power, as we believe, to a grand destiny, to do the healing work that Christ did, as he said: "A greater work shall they do." SYLVIA.

"Lest we Forget."

E. J. SCHELLHOUS.

Our minds are so much engrossed in the immediate concerns of life that we are apt to forget the grand purposes of life on earth. Our early education and environments have unconsciously so molded and fixed our habits of feeling, thinking and doing, that we move along those lines that offer the least resistance, and, moreover, pursue those things which we think will best satisfy our desires and promote our welfare.

We think as we feel, and as our prevailing feelings are selfish and sensuous, we almost invariably act in accordance with them, and thus forget the real purposes of our being here; for no sensible person will admit that the purpose of this life is for the sole intention of satisfying our selfish and sensuous desires.

These remarks are made as introductory to a brief statement of facts concerning the remarkable spirit manifestations that are going on at Spring Hill, Kansas.

For a number of years, a band of spirits had among the leaders, men of well-known character who have removed every doubt as to their identity, notably: Prof. Denton, Dr. Reed, Thomas Paine, Prof. Faraday and many others. Dr. Reed was a skillful chemist while on earth, and has applied his skill in spiritual chemistry so successfully as to utilize the aural emanations of the circle and clothe the attending spirits with some chemical preparation of them so as to make them visible to mortal sight. All that is needed to complete the operation is the presence of a me-

dium to serve as a depository and a channel through which these emanations may pass. Dr. Reed also constructs a larynx (vocal organs) by means of which orations, narratives and experiences of various spirits are given to the circle.

Writing executed with inconceivable rapidity (from 600 to 1200 words in a minute), while at the same time the writer will be talking on a subject entirely different, is a manifestation of spirit power entirely beyond our conception.

Again, pictures—life-size—are executed with the most exquisite skill in the short space of one minute, and are produced as often as once a week, most of which are recognized.

All these operations are carried on by the spirits independent of mortal agency, pure and fresh from the spirit-world. These seances, thus organized, attract many spirits from the higher spheres who see in it an open door and a free platform for the expression of their thoughts.

We have visitors from abroad almost constantly who are allowed to examine the paraphernalia (which consists of dark-colored curtains occupying space on the floor only for a chair and the one who sits on it. The medium is divested of every thread of white clothing, and yet every materialized form shows white in his clothing; the females in dazzling whiteness; often as many as 20 or 30 at a single seance. The visitors invariably go away satisfied and highly pleased with what they have seen and heard and express a desire and an intention of repeating their visit; Some have obtained portraits of their spirit friends.

This is something, dear reader, that you cannot afford to forget. Every act of your life—whether good or bad—is so much material that goes into your spiritual make-up. You are making conditions while here that will make your weal or woe when you have passed into spirit-life.

In the manner above described, the book, "Rending the Vail," has been produced—a work of the most remarkable character, with not an unmeaning of superfluous word in it. The lessons taught are from competent instructors who have come down the "shining way" to teach us poor benighted souls the grander and higher truths that we so much need.

The same spirit band in the same place (at the house of J. H. Pratt) and the same medium, is engaged in the production of another book whose purpose is to illustrate the principles taught in "Rending the Vail." This is best done by the narration of personal experiences of those who have gone into the other life, and the effects of their earthly career and their influences that tell upon spirit-life. By these we may learn what is best for us to do here. So let us not forget these lessons of the higher life, and thus lose the opportunities so dear and precious.

We read of those who are eager after tests of spirit communion. Here is an opportunity to satisfy their earnest longing. If they cannot come in person, they can find in "Rending the Vail" the most ample proof of the truths therein revealed. In regard to the manner of its production, I am a witness of the manner of the production of the forthcoming book, which is the same in every respect.

Here is actual demonstration of all that has been written on the

subject. Then I say to your readers: *Do not forget.* You cannot afford to neglect so grand an opportunity.

The Sturgis Annual Meeting

J. M. PEEBLES, M. D.

It gave us great pleasure last week to attend the Anniversary Meeting, held in Sturgis, Mich., June 16 and 17. Forty-two years ago I delivered the dedicatory address at the opening of this magnificent church edifice. That occasion was one long to be remembered. There were present such distinguished men as Judge Coffinberry, Joel Tiffany, jurist; Selden J. Finney, Frank L. Wadsworth and Giles B. Stebbins (a most valiant defender of the truth now residing in Detroit), and other speakers.

Among the many anniversaries that I have attended in this Southern Michigan city, never was I present at a more earnest, enthusiastic and harmonious meeting than the one just held. The church edifice was packed and Mrs. Sheets was at her best. Her trance addresses under the controlling influence of Ormond, the ancient giver of flowers, were simply magnificent. The singing was very fine and the conference meetings were enthusiastic. The Baptist preacher of the city being present, I made the occasion one of giving the facts, proofs and doctrines of Spiritualism. The platform was beautifully decorated with flowers and palms. It was an occasion long to be remembered.

A most excellent letter was read from Brother R. Spalding of Chicago, who was for many years a resident of Sturgis and a singer in the choir. His soul is still afire with the glories of Spiritualism, and with the living reforms of this present time. Here is a quotation from his letter:

"It is about 50 years since Dr. J. M. Peebles, Giles Stebbins, Warren Chase and Joel Tiffany first stepped, one by one, on to the Spiritualist platform in Sturgis. Tiffany was logical, Finney was eloquent, Chase was sarcastic, Stebbins good and true, but Dr. Peebles was theological, loving and pathetic; and how we used to linger after an address for a hand-shake! I doubt if other speakers could be found who have done so much for the Cause as these workers. Some of them long ago garnered their sheaves, but Dr. Peebles still remains and, we understand, speaks in your convention. Long may this venerable worker be spared to reap the harvest of his toil.

"Truly, he has journeyed a long and dusty road, and many years ago earned the title of 'Pilgrim.' We propose to add another prefix and call him the 'White Pilgrim.' He has seen the result of his early labors, in honest, sturdy Spiritualism all over the world, so rapid has been its growth. It has woven its tendrils around every church except, perhaps, the Catholic, and changed the complexion of their creeds. And even the moss-grown old Roman, venerable with age, must crumble before that all-consuming electric fire kindled in the hearts of earth's dwellers. If we are faithful to the sacred trust given us by the spirit-world—for they cannot work alone—we, on earth's plane, have our part to perform. We have something more to do than fold our hands and sing 'The Sweet Bye-and-Bye.' We must work now and ever.

"Long ago, Spiritualists gave to

the world the message of 'Reform,' and the world has been watching for some of the results of their profession, and asks: 'Where are your churches, schools and charitable institutions?' We must confess there is a lack among our ranks in this direction. Spiritualists ought to be doing something to aid in establishing a spiritual republic on earth, as it is in the realms beyond. It rests with us to evolve some plan for the amelioration of the toiling masses, and render charity unnecessary by releasing for the people those natural opportunities given to man by which to procure the necessities and comforts of life."

Battle Creek, Mich.

Don't Wait for Money.

LUCY A. MALLORY.

It is often remarked: "If I only had money, how much good I would do." But we have never known or heard of any one who desired money in order to do good with it, who ever does the good when he or she gets the money, but it is invariably used to minister to increased material wants—selfish gratification.

It is a very great mistake to suppose that money will help one to do good. It is kindness, sympathy and love that is needed. If a tenth part of the effort were put forth to cultivate love and kindness, that is exerted to accumulate money, everybody would be good, and there would be no poverty; for justice would guide all actions, and all would share in Nature's bountiful supply.

The whole world is starving for love and kindness and sympathy. It is this that is the foundation of permanent prosperity. This constitutes the golden light of true prosperity. All evils vanish in the sunshine of love, just as the frost and ice melt away in the sun's rays. Love makes people self-dependent; whereas the money gifts of organized charity, as a rule, only de-grade and make paupers. There is no permanent good effected.

Look over the history of the world, and it will be seen that the real Saviors of the race have been those who have given of their love of their good and holy thoughts and aspirations freely to all, without money and without price. It is those who leave their impress of good upon the world.

Jesus did not wait for money to do good. Although he had not where to lay his head, he was rich in spirituality, and gave freely of his spiritual wealth to all comers. Buddha, the son of a king, surrounded by royal magnificence, gave up all, that he might earn spiritual wisdom and give the fragrant essence of his soul for the people's upliftment.

It is those who do not know of the mighty power of their own spirits, who think that they must have money in order to do good.

The Summer Land.

Extract of a lecture given through Lizzie Doten in Ebbitt Hall, New York, Jan. 21, 1866.

We know it not by that name, for we do not take the words of human language to apply them to the Higher Life. Our language is one of silent and yet deep eloquence. We speak the same language that the roses do in the breath of fragrance; we speak the same language that the sunshine

does when it is bright and glorious; we speak the same language that the stars do in the silent vault, "where there is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard," and yet "their lines are gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world."

We do not call this fair country "the Summer land," and yet we do thankfully accept the term while we address you in your sphere. Yes, it is, indeed, to the heart that is chilled by the frosts of adversity that is weary of wrestling with the trials of earth, the Summer land. While your troubles are cast upon the troubled waves of earthly existence, faint glimpses of that land stream in upon your visions. It is no imagination; it is the deeper intuition of the soul—a spiritual emanation of that life which you are to enter upon.

Some are earnestly asking the question: Are the doves that went forth from our ark across that deep, dark, mysterious sea never passed by mortal—are they safe in that land? Do they find some bosom to nestle in there? The little lambs that went from us into that doubt and mystery—are they all there? Is there a fold for them? Do they feed in the green pastures of the better land?

These questions come up from earnest hearts, and are asked by lips pale and trembling with anxiety. We answer your questions in the affirmative. Many ask: Why doubt it? If men burdened with sin, and the infirmities of mortal existence, can enter upon that existence, why may not the little child? You turn to nature for an analogy, and endeavor by the things known, to arrive at the truth concerning things unknown.

Is Spiritualism a Sin?

LUTHER R. MARSH.

The hostility of the orthodox clergy to Spiritualism is an enigma to me. Why do they denounce it from their pulpits, and consign those who accept it to infamy and unending damnation?

One would think that they would hail with shouts of joy, the advancing proofs that what they have preached, year in and year out, based on faith alone, now is established by overwhelming demonstration! Fact is much better than speculation. Absolute, visible, audible, tangible, reality—such as Spiritualism furnishes to eye, to ear, to sense, and judgment—would seem to be a stronger persuasion to a good life, here; and to the hope of a future life of happiness conditioned upon it, there can be absorbed from sermons on Free-will, Foreordination, Predestination, Infant-damnation; the irrevocable fixity of the spirit's state as death found it, and many other dogmas which have been hammered at on the anvil of many a rustic, as well as cushioned desk, from the era of St. Chrysostom.

But sad as may be their fate, there are many Spiritualists in the pulpits to-day, but they are afraid of the deacons, and dare not avow it. They preach the doctrine, but defame the name. Much as, some hundred years ago, when the savants of France denounced magnetism as a fraud; yet, after a century of demonstration had proved it true, they christen it by another name—hypnotism—and now, all the doctors and learned men of France are enthusiastic hypnotists—nothing but hypnotism. So, sometime in the hereafter, when

another name shall be given to Spiritualism, its doctrines may sweep over the land, with the force and illumination—but not the disaster—of a prairie fire.

Talmage, the orthodox champion, preaches the doctrines of Spiritualism, while he loads the name with obloquy. In his tribute to Neal Dow he said:

"But he will come back again. 'Yes,' say some of you with Martha about Lazarus to Jesus, 'I know he will rise at the resurrection of the last day.' Ah! I do not mean that. Ministering spirits are all the time coming and going between earth and heaven—the Bible teaches it; and do you suppose the old hero just ascended will not come down and help us in the battle that still goes on? He will!"

Now, that is the very quintessence of Spiritualism; and yet, when he sees the name Spiritualism, he cants his horns like a bull of Bashan at a scarlet banner.

Does not every Episcopalian—people and ministers uniting—intone these words: *I believe in the communion of saints*? Nay, more, this is a part of the "Apostle's Creed," so called because its authorship is attributed to the Twelve Apostles, and so has come down to us among the earliest and most generally accepted symbols of the Christian faith. What mean these words? Surely, surely, not that the saints in heaven commune among themselves. No one that believes in heaven ever thought of denying that. They mean that the saintly ones who have left this life, still hold communion with their brethren in the flesh. There can be no other reasonable interpretation.

A great misapprehension prevails in the community generally as to what constitutes Spiritualism. With many people an immense prejudice exists against it—perhaps, I might say, a great fear of it. How astonished many will be when they learn that primitive Christianity, and Modern Spiritualism, are identical. Spiritualism is but a continuation of Scripture and early Christianity. It adopts angelic appearances, and the messages from the spirit-world to mortals in the flesh, as genuine and as actual, and, also, that they did not cease with John, at Patmos, about the year 60 to 80 of our era, but have continued right on—according to the receptivity of the age—to the present time.

It believes that God did not select a few years, nor a few hundred, during which spirits or angels would appear to men to convince them of a spirit-world, and then leave all future ages in darkness, except as hearsay, or a somewhat limited record of a former time, might testify.

Philosophy of Change.

STELLA B.

Life is evolutionized by the continual change and stage of advancement in both worlds, or, rather, all worlds. Life needs color, light and activity, all gotten through the constant change, and all surrounding conditions are a thrown-off power or element of that change. We govern nothing. Everything governs us, even our own tongue, which seems as ungovernable as our thoughts. Thus surroundings are made for us from the time of gestating, by the conditions gotten through the process of germinating, and those conditions attract as does a magnet the requisite surroundings.

In our efforts to know ourselves we see constant changes that astonish us, and if we could know that inner self, inborn, well, we would soon learn its needs, and are not then astonished at the changes; but would watch every act committed and word spoken, creating a self-critic. In that we will better ourselves and purify our surroundings by an unselfish and forceful atmosphere.

We all have our inner consciousness that gauges right and wrong in our actions, and if we follow the dictates of that inner self we will not only better ourselves and surroundings, but all who come into our aura. In this we can watch the effect on our own and other lives, for we can throw out the magnetism of intelligence, ignorance or any kind that we wish, for our mind governs the physical, and through the physical emanates the magnetism that permeates every animate or inanimate object with which we come in contact. Through this source is our individuality manifested. Through this source are all psychic experiences governed; and through this source is progression, affinity and sympathy understood.

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These Temples of the spirit, through which the soul finds expression, how important it is that they be wisely cared for. To abuse the body by the gratification of any base appetite tends to deprive the instrument of its fineness of tone, and obscure the light of the soul shining through it. To abuse the body is to trample upon the soul, and hasten the time of its release, all unprepared.

The Spiritualist whose faith is shaken in our grand truths, and who is disposed to reject the whole, because, forsooth, he may have been deceived by some unprincipled medium or spirit, would throw all his gold into the sea because he found a spurious coin in his pocket.

Every Spiritualist needs the uplifting of his own spiritual nature. Knowing that life is eternal, he should set about the task of preparing himself for the duties and responsibilities of the higher life, by bringing himself into harmony with the Divine Spirit in his own nature.

Who Lives for Others lives in the truest sense for himself. Upon the crest of the wave of generous deeds man is borne heavenward. Who exalteth himself shall be humbled; who exalteth his brother, himself shall be exalted.

Congres International de Physique.—We are in receipt of a circular from the promoters of the above Congress, which will be held in conjunction with the Paris Exposition from August 6 to 12 inclusive. The program, as indicated in the circular, will be of great interest. The names signed to the circular are: Mon. Cornu, president; G. De la Tovanne, treasurer; Ch-Ed. Guillaume and Lucien Poincare, secretaries.

Same Old Story.

The Boston Herald, commenting on what has been accomplished by Prof. Hyslop, says:

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Still They Come.

The Pittsburg Dispatch tells the following story, which our occult friends will at once proceed to explain as the "operation of the sub-conscious mind," or anything but what it is, viz: spirit control.

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A Fundamental Principle.

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A materialistic world will be slow to recognize this fact, and acknowledge it, but sooner or later this law will be recognized, and the liberty bell of truth will ring out the death knell of superstition and mystery.

The science of life can never be established until the unit of all things be discovered, and made the

basis of calculation. We have no desire to be dogmatic, but simply suggestive. The awakening of thought in the minds of the people we hold to be one of the functions of the spiritual press.

We Deny it.

Many correspondents of the Spiritualist press, as well as some of those who write editorials for their columns, seem to take special delight in referring to organized Spiritualism as a "tottering, decaying household," declaring that we must all become State Socialists, go into politics, and make laws for the reformation of the economic conditions of the world. We have yet to hear of a case where either individuals or communities have been reformed by law or politics.

Reformation is a mental process, and must begin in the minds of the people. This process is constantly going on through the efforts of the Spiritualist press, platform and mediums, and at no time in the last half century has the outlook been so bright or less reason for "calamity howling."

The Universal Mind.

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A Mistaken Idea.—Walter Howell, in answer to a question in the *Two Worlds*, says:

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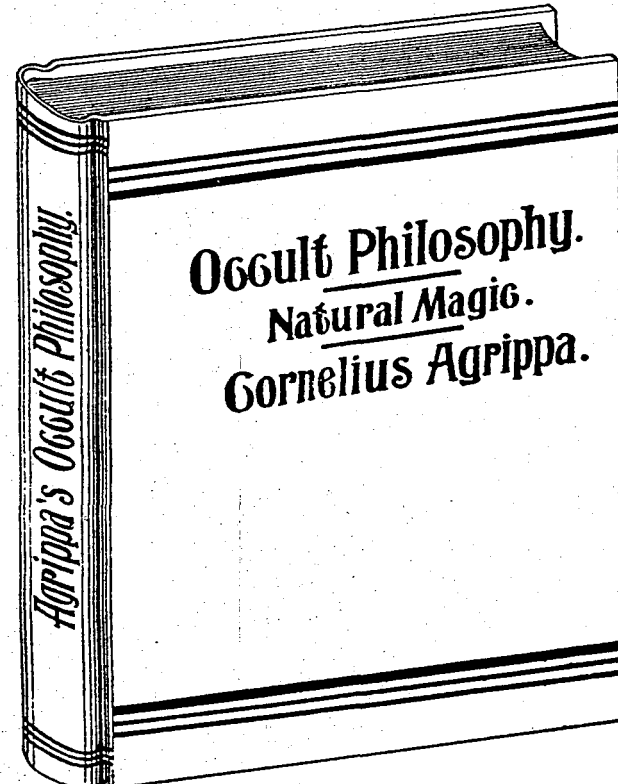
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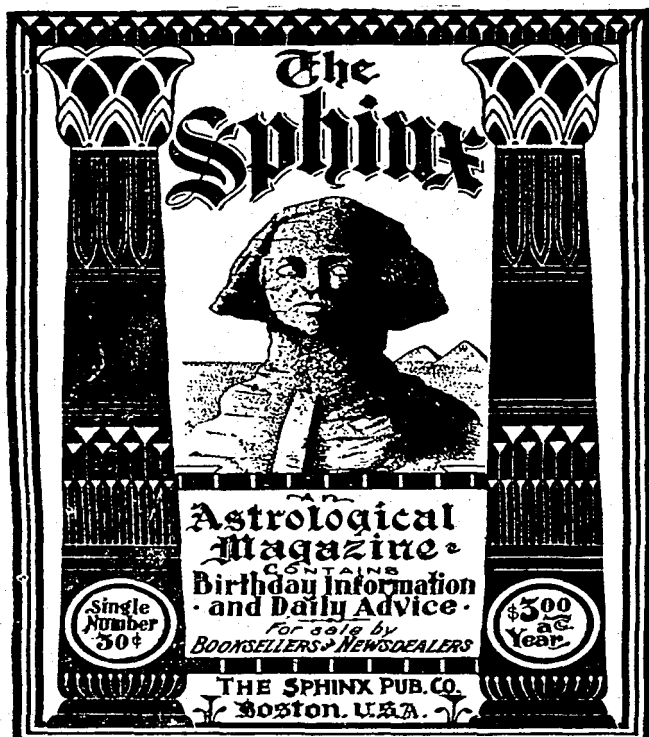
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Mr. B. F. Small has so far recovered his health that he has resumed his duties in the U. S. Custom House. Mr. Small is not well, but we are assured that he is out of danger for the present.

Ladies' Aid Social.—The regular monthly social and dance of this society was held at headquarters, Occidental Hall, 305 Larkin St., on last Friday evening. Mr. Kohler, musical monologist, sang several dialect songs, and manipulated the violin with rare skill. Mr. Wm. Rider gave a recitation, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to dancing to music furnished by Mr. Ray and Mrs. Cooke. Mrs. B. F. Small presided and W. T. Jones was floor manager.

Remember the social dance of the Children's Progressive Lyceum at Occidental Hall, 305 Larkin St., on Friday evening, July 6.

Mrs. Mena Francis, the phenomenal slate-writing medium of 118 Haight St., San Francisco, has been into the country for a vacation. She has visited several of the interior cities, and returns with renewed vigor to take up her spiritual work.

Mission Lyceum.—This association held its regular monthly entertainment in Mission Opera Hall, 2181 Mission St., on Saturday evening, June 30. President W. T. Jones presided, and the following program was rendered: Overture, Miss Alice Helms; vocal solo, Miss Lulu Magee; cornet solo, Mr. Harry Magee; recitation, Mr. Will Locke; piano solo, Mr. Frank Indig; recitation, Mr. Walter Gonzales; fancy dance, Miss Florence Bohn; recitation, Mr. Clarence Close; recitation and song, Miss Alice Lean. The dance music was furnished by Miss Alice Helms. There is a marked improvement in the artistic execution of those who furnish the entertainment at these socials, and those who fail to attend miss a rare treat.

Universal Spiritual Association.—"Relationship" was the subject for discussion last Sunday afternoon at 20 Eddy St. The thinkers of the city gather there every Sunday to compare notes, and listen to the inspiring music by Miss Lee. The excellent management of Dr. Hall insures order, and the audience is appreciative.

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Mrs. Meyer's Meeting was held as usual last Sunday at 335 McAllister street. It was well attended by interested searchers after truth.

The Mediums' Protective Association will have another social evening at Occidental Hall on Wednesday, July 18. There will be some musical and literary exercises and dancing. Everything is free and all are welcome. Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Seal are the Committee of Arrangements.

Mme. Young's Meeting was addressed by Mrs. Sarah Seal last Sunday evening at Oriental Hall, 605 McAllister St. The platform test-work by Mme. Young is ever good, and the music by Prof. Young and Prof. Bothwell is highly appreciated.

Mrs. Wrenn's Meeting at 117 Larkin St. was entertained with excellent music by Hugh and Stella Callendar. Several good mediums occupied the platform during the evening.

A Circle of Harmony will be held in Mrs. F. A. Logan's rooms every Sunday evening at 1218 Railroad Ave., Bay Station, Alameda, Cal.

The Ethical Institute.—Col. H. Weinstock spoke to a large audience in Metropolitan Temple last Sunday night on "What Jew and Christian Owe Each Other." There was the usual musical program, directed by Prof. Eckman, who plays the grand organ. The Institute will take a vacation during the month of July. The next lecture will be on Aug. 5 by Benjamin Fay Mills.

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Hermetic Brotherhood.—There has been a change in the open meetings of this Order. The meeting hitherto held on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The evening meeting will continue at the same time as hitherto, but will take on, during the Summer months, more of a social character; in fact, Thursday will be the reception day of each week, when all the Headquarters' family will be "at home" and happy to see their friends, at the latter's convenience, at 509 Van Ness Avenue.

Mr. Eberhardt has been conducting the meetings in the "Temple of Truth" Hall the past two weeks, during Mrs. Eberhardt's illness. The audiences have been large and have shown much appreciation of the good work he has done. Mr. Eberhardt will continue to hold these meetings until Mrs. Eberhardt is able to resume her work again.

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MY OWN SHALL COME.

Serene, I fold my hands and wait,
Nor care for wind, nor tide, nor sea;
I rave no more 'gainst time or fate,
For lo! my own shall come to me.

I stay my haste, I make delays:
For what avails this eager pace?
I stand amid the eternal ways,
And what is mine shall know my face.

Asleep, awake, by night or day,
The friends I seek are seeking me;
No wind can drive my bark astray,
Nor change the tide of destiny.

What matter if I stand alone?
I wait with joy the coming years;
My heart shall reap where it has sown,
And garner up its fruit of tears.

The waters know their own and draw
The brook that springs in yonder heights,
So flow the good with equal law
Unto the soul of pure delights.

The stars come nightly to the sky,
The tidal wave unto the sea;
Nor time nor space, nor deep nor high,
Can keep my own away from me.

BURROUGHS.

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Finds Buried Treasure.

There is a peculiar phase in the finding of the buried treasure of the late Captain Richard P. Thomas beneath the old log cabin which the aged capitalist built with his own hands just beyond La Loma, his suburban home in the Berkeley hills, Cal. John Downey, a workman employed by Mrs. Thomas, is authority for the story. It was Downey who discovered the corpse of the capitalist on the day of his death lying across the steps of the cabin. This is quite close to the log structure beneath which the treasure was buried.

According to Downey, ever since the death of the capitalist, a month ago, strange noises have been nightly heard in the vicinity of the spot where the gold and bonds were concealed. These noises were generally confined to the midnight hours, which is supposed to be the popular time for spirits to promenade. On several occasions Mr. Downey, on being awakened from his sleep by the noise, peered out into the night, but he never was able to catch a glimpse of the shade of his former employer.

The sounds, which emerged from under the log house, he says, were strange and uncanny. He is positive that he heard noises that were anything but earthly. He told a number of his fellow-workmen of his experience and admitted that he was afraid to leave his house after dark.

It may be a coincidence, but many people regard it as marvelously strange that the gold and bonds were found where the shade of Captain Thomas is supposed to have lingered.

"No," said Downey, "I never

saw his spirit, but I heard him. The noise which always accompanied his presence came from beneath the log cabin just where the gold and bonds were discovered. I found the corpse of the captain lying across the entrance to my cabin on the day of his death. I must confess that the sounds which came from under the log house scared me. I told some of the workmen about it, and they tried to make me think I was the

victim of imagination; but I wasn't."

In a large stone jar discovered under the log house by the searchers for the wealth of Captain Thomas, \$8,100 in 20-dollar gold pieces was found. In a niche of the chimney of this structure was \$100 in gold and seven empty purses. In addition to the cash, \$10,000 in government bonds was in the stone jar. The sum total of the find was \$18,200. Mrs. Thomas admitted this.—S. F. Examiner.

Control of Mind.

Perhaps the most dangerous attribute developed will be the strength of will power, which will enable one to so direct the mind that its force will be enlarged to a stupendous degree. Thought is a force, a vibration, as are all forms of energy, and it sets in motion currents of ethereal matter of which the grosser senses have no ken.



A Beautiful Scene in the Summer-Time.

A strongly-developed will can, even in ordinary persons, control the mind and will of another, and in the adepts the exertion of the will is so vastly improved upon that it is a force which can shatter material objects even at a distance. This power can be carried to such an extent that death can be brought by a simple act of the will, and the most dangerous knowledge becomes a weapon in the hands of the unscrupulous.

The depth to which the mind may descend, or the height to which it may climb in occult mysteries, is almost limitless.

It might be remarked just here that the science of telepathy, when better understood and when generally recognized as being a fact, as telegraphy now is, will help us to solve some other problems which have perplexed thoughtful persons in all ages of the world.—*Ex.*

Some Strange Powers.

A remarkable attribute of the psychologically-developed soul is the art of acquiring knowledge by what might be termed interior penetration; that is, the nature of the thing resolves itself into one's inner consciousness without any apparent effort of the mind. Thus a letter may be held unopened in the hand or laid on the breast and yet read with perfect clearness by the mental vision of an adept.

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Is it not Spirit?

R. C. MITCHELL.

Most persons believe there is something about man—usually called the spirit—which lives after that physical change called death. On the other hand, there are multitudes who deny this in toto and claim that "death ends all." Now, until it shall be absolutely demonstrated in some way that the spirits of the so-called dead are in existence to-day in some shape or another, there is no disguising the fact that those who take the negative of this proposition have the better of the argument. In law, as well as in logic, it is the business of the affirmative to demonstrate its proposition—to prove its case—and the affirmative of the above proposition can only be absolutely demonstrated by the production of facts or evidence which appeals to some of our five senses, and it is worth while to remember that it is only by means of some of our five senses that we know anything.

Our theologians have been theorizing on this question for thousands of years, and it is still a debatable question. During this time they have invented many plausible arguments in support of their pleasing theory, but alas! they, one and all, have been compelled to stop one step short of an

actual demonstration of that which they sought to prove; and one fact proven is worth a multitude of theories. It is no absolute proof of a proposition to simply say that some book—no matter what that book may be—or some creed or some dogma affirms it. To accept a theory "on faith" is simply no proof at all, for it is a notorious fact that most of the theories which even the wisest men in all ages past have accepted "on faith" have been subsequently proven to be fallacies, and most of them fallacies of the very rankest kind.

Now, if occult science, so-called—which is but another name for a knowledge of certain natural laws that our modern scientific textbooks know nothing about and tell us nothing about—can give us any light upon the above-mentioned, much-mooted question, it will certainly be doing mankind a most important service; and some of the ablest writers on this subject believe that when the natural law governing telepathy shall be better understood than it is at the present time, and when telepathy shall have been generally accepted as a demonstrated fact, we then, by following that fact to its legitimate conclusion, may more certainly prove the correctness of the theory of a future life than all the theologians have been able to do from the dawn of civilization to the present time.

If it be true, as most persons in so-called civilized countries believe, that man has a spirit and that his intelligence lives on, after it shuffles this mortal coil, no philosopher knows of any reason why that intelligence should not be as intelligent after getting rid of its physical body, as before; nor is there any good reason to suppose that a spirit out of the body would be at all unwilling to communicate with a spirit in the body.

If telepathy be true, there is nothing at all supernatural about it, but it is simply the putting into practical application of a certain natural law—a law which at the present time is but imperfectly understood, even by the most progressive and most advanced scientists, but which is now sufficiently understood by many investigators to satisfy them beyond all question that such a natural law exists; and if an intelligence in the body can communicate with one out of the body, there is nothing at all supernatural about that phenomena. Indeed, there is nothing supernatural in the whole universe, as the entire universe is, and always has been, governed by natural law.

The world is just beginning to understand that the most tremendous force in nature is the human mind. The power of mind over matter has long been conceded and partially understood, and its power over disease is now being faintly comprehended; and certain it is that more progress has been made along these lines than during the last half century than during all the preceding years of recorded time, and there is good reason to expect that the coming half century will make equally rapid strides in the same direction.

Duluth, Minn.

Newspapers as Educators.

J. I. HOLLINGSWORTH.

But few persons think of the importance of newspapers as educators—in fact, there is nothing like a good weekly paper, especially if it is non-religious or po-

litical, for as soon as the readers note this, if not of their own religion or politics, they will throw it aside in disgust; but all persons will read scientific, agricultural or commercial papers, and owing to the cheapness of printers' ink and paper and government postage, they are the most economical mediums through which intelligence can be gotten to the people.

Millions upon millions of dollars have been spent in endowing colleges and various institutions of learning for the benefit of the favored few, while if those enormous sums had been spent in circulating good, instructive newspaper weeklies amongst the masses of the people, their intelligence would have been advanced fifty years.

For this reason it is the duty of all Spiritualists who take an interest of their fellow-men to see to it that this great lever is made use of in promulgating a knowledge of spiritual science amongst the people. Let every true Spiritualist see to it that a good Spiritualist paper is placed in every family in their locality—it matters not how poor—for at least three months, if not longer, that they may see and know something of the light of Spiritualism. This is a charity which will never fail.

Winchester, Va.

New Era Camp, Oregon.

W. C. BOWMAN.

On my way to Oregon I stopped over at San Jose for a few days and had the pleasure of meeting again with the good friends there, and the privilege of occupying the platform two Sundays in Sleeper Hall. Spiritualism in San Jose has a very bright possible future. The city itself is a little gem, and the valley in which it is set is a garden of beauty. Then the magnificent property, Sleeper Hall, with its splendid location and bountiful supply of rooms, both for use and rental value—what shall hinder the San Jose Spiritualists from becoming as a "city set on a hill that cannot be hid?" Then the society there is fortunate at present in having for its president the highly-gifted and well-known medium and worker, Mrs. Eudora Marcen. Under her efficient management, aided by a number of earnest official co-workers, the society should certainly prosper. Incidentally, I will add that it was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marcen that I was very pleasantly entertained during my stay in the Garden City.

The Oregon Camp Meeting is just opened for the season. Notwithstanding the "damp" weather, the opening is quite encouraging. The national flag was run up the pole Saturday afternoon with a "Hip! hip! hurrah!" by those present. Sunday there was a good attendance—remarkably large for the opening, considering the weather. At 10:30 a. m. the writer lectured to an attentive audience, taking for his subject, "The Lights and Shadows of Mediumship."

At 2 p. m. Mr. Edward de Yongh of Portland conducted a half-hour silent soul-communion service which was quite impressive and manifestly profitable. In passing, I feel prompted to say that I regard this soul-communion movement, inaugurated through the *World's Advance Thought*—the excellent little monthly by Mrs. Malory of Portland, Ore.—as one of the most beautiful and significant developments of Modern Spiritualism.

At 2:30, immediately following this service, Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley, of Chicago, occupied the platform, delivering a beautiful lecture, continuing the theme of the forenoon lecture, and giving at the close an improvised poem of remarkable beauty and sweetness on subjects suggested by the audience. Mrs. Cooley certainly ranks with the most gifted mediums of the nation.

In the evening, Mrs. Sarah Hatch Brower of Boston entertained the audience with a very interesting recital of her own childhood experiences in mediumship, resulting in her father's conversion to Spiritualism and his withdrawal from the ministry of the Congregational Church. Her work at present is the organization and instruction of classes in spiritual development as influenced by planetary conditions.

The meeting closed with the reading of an instructive paper on the subject of mental healing by Mrs. Carrie E. Eves of California, whose special work is magnetic healing.

The camp has started out well and is a delightful place to visit as well as to sojourn, not only on account of the well-conducted services under the prompt and judicious guidance of the presiding officer, Mrs. Kate Obrock, and the excellent music conducted by the organist, Mrs. Mary E. Campbell, but also on account of the efficient management and bountiful table supplies of the camp hotel under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Penman, assisted by Mrs. Porter and a coterie of delightful young ladies who grace the dining-room as "pretty waitresses." And let it be remembered that every service faithfully rendered in a good cause is equally noble and praiseworthy.

Honor and fame from no condition rise;
Act well your part—there all the honor lies.

Notice from the N. S. A.

TO THE EDITOR:

Allow me to state that as the Mayer Fund is still from \$1,500 to \$2,000 short of the required \$10,000, Mr. Mayer has kindly consented to extend the time for completing the same, till Oct. 1st. This will probably be the last extension, and we sincerely trust that the fund will be filled long before the 90 days expire.

If all who can afford to send a dollar or less, who have not contributed anything, will only see their duty in this respect, and will contribute what they can, we will have a grand finale of the effort to secure a National Home with a good working fund for Spiritualism.

Once more allow me to say that Mr. Mayer does not receive a dollar for the property; the money is to go into the N. S. A. treasury, and the Home will be given by him free. I make this explanation again, as I am still receiving letters speaking of the buying of the property from Mr. Mayer.

I am sorry to announce that the reason we are finding the fund as short as above quoted, is because several large pledges are being repudiated or ignored. Some societies were pledged for \$50 and other sums, last October, at the convention, and none of the officers of those societies knew anything of it. However, we have good prospects of completing the fund this season, and of having the pleasure of announcing a National Headquarters for the Cause, owned by the Spiritualists.

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Belated Theologians.

It was the dictum of the late Prof. Asa Gray, the noted author, that no sensible person now believed what the most sensible persons formerly believed, and so far as the biblical accounts of creation cover the ground which natural science covers, the relations can be discussed and, on this ground, settled; scientific belief must needs control the religious. Such were the declarations of the Professor, himself a member of the Presbyterian Church, who thus repudiates the "infallible-authority" dogma. The late Prof. Drummond, in one of his great addresses, when in this country, quoted from a distinguished author that the average scientific man worshipped a more awful and, as it were, a Greater Deity than the average Christian. "Evolution," said Drummond, "has given to the world what amounts to a new Bible."

It appears that many of the so-called "orthodox" ministers are not abreast of the age, as they ignore the Deity and appeal to a noted Jewish prophet, who declared that only God was good. If they desire to invoke the favor of a greater prophet, they should appeal to Buddha. He not only taught substantially the same code of morals as the Jewish prophet—the Son of Man—but was sound on the liquor question. Neither did he declare that he came "not to send peace, but a sword." As an illustration of the beneficent teachings of the "pagan" who lived nearly 3,000 years ago, the following from Whittier's "Disarmament" is in point:

Once on the errands of his mercy bent,
Buddha, the holy and benevolent,
Met a fell monster, huge and fierce of look,
Whose awful voice the hills and forests shook.
"Oh, son of peace!" the giant cried, "thy fate
Is sealed at last, and love shall yield to hate."
The unarmed Buddha looking, with no trace
Of fear or anger in the monster's face,
In pity said: "Poor friend, even thee I love."
Lo! as he spake, the sky-tail terror sank
To hand breadth size; the huge abhorrence
shrank
Into the form and fashion of a dove;
And where the thunder of its rage was heard,
Circling above him sweetly sang the bird:
"Hate hath no harm for love," so ran the song
"And peace, unweaponed, conquers every
wrong!"

Message from Henry Stites.

BY ZERUAH.

From a spirit father to his son in earth-life:

QUESTION—You say that in order to properly develop, man must keep up an interest in material things?

ANSWER—By all means. Heaven is not gained at a single bound. Life does not cease at the death of the body; therefore, we should look to our every action, both on earth and in the beyond, as the only way to reach our heaven.

Q.—What is the difference between happiness in the spirit-world and happiness on earth?

A.—Happiness is in its youth and needs to be coaxed along in earth-life. Here it develops full power and soon takes the lead. It requires all our time to keep pace and glean all the joys for ourselves and others as we go.

Q.—Do you bother about business there?

A.—No.

Q.—Then would it not be better for us to be there?

A.—After you have taken your course in training; but you should never leave school until you have graduated.

Q.—What about those who pass over in infancy and youth?

A.—It is unfortunate, and we try

to surmount the difficulty by giving them as thorough an education in the material way as the spirit can receive; but they lack the vigor and elasticity that the toss and tumble of a material combat would give.

Q.—Then would it not be better for all to live to be old?

A.—The old are blessed.

Q.—All who live to be old do not receive the same benefit from life, do they?

A.—All receive an experience which gives strength of spirit. Some acquire wisdom that exalts their souls beyond their companions. All have developed reasoning power, that will help them to advance more rapidly than the infant.

Q.—In what does spiritual development consist?

A.—Fill the mind with God, or good; allow no evil to ever enter. Then you have developed the spirit within and paved the way for visitors from the other side who will gladly take advantage of the opportunity.

Q.—Are you in a position to know if the spirit is ever reincarnated?

A.—I have yet met no instance of the kind, although there are many in this sphere who believe it is a fact. They think the reincarnated souls come from higher spheres.

Q.—Have you ever seen a soul, or do all souls have spiritual bodies?

A.—Your sight can perceive material only; our sight can catch as faint visions of soul as yours of spirit. We communicate with them in a like vague way. We are born again many times, but the change is not a complete throwing-off, but a refining of the elements. The change is simpler than the mortal death, and takes place during perfect consciousness. There is no sickness. The advancement must be earned the same as our mental development on earth?

Q.—Do you measure time in your sphere?

A.—No, only as we enter your plane. Now I feel that I must bring to a close a most enjoyable evening, with a prayer for your grandest effort towards thorough spiritual development. I bid you good-night.

The Uprising in China.

HO YOW, Chinese Consul.

The present uprising in the Chinese empire had its primary cause in the clashing of the new religion with the old. It is dangerous to interfere with the religion of a people, especially if that religion has existed for thousands of years. The recent occurrences in China have been foreseen by all who understand the history of the world, and especially the history of the world's oldest nation.

We know from the annals of the ages that revolutions, and even anarchy, have resulted in France and other countries of Europe by reason of religious interference. Similar results may proceed from similar causes, even in China.

It is folly to attempt to force a religion upon a people against their will, as a fanatical war is invariably the outcome. An illustration of the fact may be found in the forcible endeavor of the French Catholics to convert the Huguenots.

To aggravate the situation, the Powers have taken the best of our territory and have forced the Chinese government into concessions

against the will and consent of the people. Among the masses, for instance, the opening up of railroads is regarded as a desecration of their ancestral tombs and sacred sceneries. They imagine that it all bodes ill to them. The cutting of the hills and the sinking of the mines make striking changes in the country, and the lower classes are prone to consider these modern innovations as instruments of evil. These things, simple as they may seem, have added fuel to the flames kindled in the religious atmosphere.

When such a people rise en masse, an army cannot control them. When millions are up in arms, millions are required to master them.

On the question of religion, I endeavor to be fair to all in my statements. I have no religion myself except that of doing good. Any religion will teach a man good principles, whether the belief be Catholic or Protestant or Buddhist.

Now, it is contended by the Oriental organization called in this country "the Boxers," that it is absolutely necessary for them to uphold their dignity, their nationality—to uphold, as it were, the image of Confucius as emblematic of that race dignity and national character. They resist a Christian invasion, because they know that the Christians aim to drive out their religion, and because they believe (not without reason) that the Christian missionaries are but forerunners of the troops of foreign Christian governments, which, in turn, would drive them out of their homes.

The Chinese nature is peaceful; but when once that nature is aroused, grave trouble may be feared. In my opinion, it is best to talk reason to a Chinaman. He will, then, if you demonstrate the correctness of your position, follow your reasoning and remain true to it. When, however, you use force instead of reason, the Chinese will rebel as quickly as the European.

The Chinese government of today is a progressive one, and willing to move with the procession of nations; but it has been compelled to go ahead more rapidly than the education of its people warranted.

I can make no prediction as to the outcome. We know that in the time of George III, England had a splendid army, perfectly equipped in the accoutrements of that period; yet we know that Washington's irregular continentals defeated that army. From this we may judge how terrible and effective in war is a people thoroughly worked up. The regular troops of the Chinese Empire have been unable to suppress the uprising, because the great populace has become exasperated. Nevertheless, you may rest assured that our government will do everything in its power to protect the lives and property of foreigners within the Empire, notwithstanding the present temper of the people.

Nations, like individuals, are judged by former acts, and it is not improbable that the Chinese masses may incline to the belief that this European interference is only the prologue of a land-grabbing operation. This would serve to augment the embroilment.

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Hereafter, the JOURNAL will bear the date of Saturday instead of Thursday, on account of its being more convenient for getting news of the meetings occurring on the Sunday previous. It will be one day later than usual, therefore, in reaching its readers.

Spiritualist Camp Meetings to the number of twenty-nine are being, or will be, held in this country during the next four weeks. This does not look much like "a tottering, decaying household."

Dr. T. Wilkins.—In the issue of July 7, the *Progressive Thinker* announces, editorially, that the Doctor has withdrawn temporarily, and perhaps permanently, from his position in that office. He is spoken of in the kindest terms, and the best wishes of the *Thinker* goes with him. He will continue as a contributor to that paper in both poetry and prose.

Dr. Wise.—The *American Israelite* is now publishing the *Reminiscences* of the late Dr. I. M. Wise, translated from the German by Rabbi Philipson. They make most excellent and highly interesting reading, inasmuch as they combine the two extremes of Judaism in this country.

Has not Lived in Vain.—Count Tolstoi has finally come to his excommunication at the hands of the orthodox Russian church. All priests are forbidden to absolve him or give him communion, and when dead he is not to be buried in consecrated ground. The Count is certainly a subject for congratulation, for he who has outgrown the tenets of a church which still indulges in the barbarous custom of excommunication, certainly has not lived in vain. The great church of humanity bids him welcome to its fold.

A Rare Opportunity.

"What would Jesus do?" if he stood upon the shore of Galilee today and heard of the famine in India. Would he write a book and have it translated into seven different languages? We are told what he did when the multitude followed him into the wilderness, and were hungry. He said that "those that believe shall do the things that I do, and greater things shall they do."

And the Mahatmas! Where, oh, where, are they? and he who claims that the atmosphere is filled with food and raiment. Now is his opportunity to demonstrate; this is the time for action.

The Trouble in China.

The *Flaming Sword* usually has a very intelligent grasp of the causes which underlie the current events of the day. Its conceptions of the true cause of the difficulty in China are no exceptions to the rule, and we give them for the benefit of our readers.

Religion is the actuating power of the uprising in China; it is the impulse of one false religion against another equally false. The present religion of opposition to modern Christianity in China, is the declension of what was once as genuine a system as that from which the present Christianity has degenerated. True religion is the union of the germ and sperm of the progressive evolution of any given age from the preceding one.

Age of Speculation.

There are numerous strange and oftentimes wild and fantastic theories advanced as a solution of some of the vital problems of life. One communication comes from New York, on "The Origin of Being;" another from one of the southern States treating of "The Strange Mysteries of the Human Brain."

A new cult, with headquarters in Chicago, has discovered that the garden of Eden spoken of in Scripture, is located in the human heart, and never had any external existence. Upon this theory a new religion has been founded which affirms immortality, denies reincarnation, and its followers devoutly believe in the ministry of spirits.

Another "scientific" religion has been founded on Ontology, Psychology and Therapeutics, and the end is not yet in sight. If the sum of human knowledge is thereby increased, 'tis well. They are probably all right, but see truth from different standpoints. There is, however, a humorous side to the situation.

Camp.—Circulars are out for the Spiritualist meeting at Franklin, Neb. It commences July 20 and continues until Aug. 6. There will be several good speakers in attendance; a lecture will be given each evening and three lectures each Sunday. Some of the best mediums in the United States will be present during the entire meeting.

A Point Well Taken.

The Chicago *Israelite*, commenting upon Henry Weinstock's work on the public platform of San Francisco and vicinity, makes the following pertinent remarks, which are humbly commended to the consideration of this liberal Jew:

Mr. Weinstock's desire to have Jewish Sabbath-school children taught all about Jesus Christ calls from Rabbi Samfield the very proper suggestion that an authentic history would not be out of order. The New Testament is about as apocryphal as non-canonical books which purport to tell the story of Christ's life. Just as the Christian world is beginning to discover that its religion is based upon a lot of fairy tales, here comes a man who wants to stuff Jewish children with the discarded and discredited legends.

One Book.—That was the "suggestion" made in the JOURNAL of June 28, for every subscriber to send to this office during July an order for at least one book. These small sums would aggregate enough to wonderfully help the JOURNAL in the dull Summer months. We thank those who have acted on that suggestion, and cordially invite all others to do the same.

Premature Moralizing.—The liberal press of this country moralizes over the death-bed confession of Rev. Geo. Gibson of San Francisco, who, they say, was guilty of the murder of the two girls in Emmanuel Church of this city, for which crimes Theodore Durrant was hanged. Save your energy and your ink, friends. Mr. Gibson is alive and well, and is still the respected pastor of the Bartlett St. church, where the crimes were committed. "Be sure you're right; then go ahead."

Information Wanted.—*Harbinger* of Lahore, India, is in search of information, as the following extract from its editorial columns would indicate:

The Theosophical papers of India no longer talk of their miracles and Mahatmas of old. They are generally full of long accounts of hard cash. Does anybody know the addresses of Morya and Koot Homli Lal Singh, who made a great fuss when Madame Blavatsky lived?

Mr. Walter P. Williams, formerly of Oregon, writes from Washington, D. C., and sends an article for publication, which arrived too late for insertion in this number. Many important interviews with mediums in the eastern States; and his conception of the status of our cause, will appear in the next issue of the JOURNAL. Mrs. Loe F. Prior is one of the well-known mediums he has visited.

W. J. Colville continues to send encouraging reports of his work in Australia. During the month of June he labored with great success in Adelaide and Sydney. He proposes to spend many weeks yet in the colonies.

The Reviewer.

Any of the Books noticed in this Department can be obtained at this office. When to be sent by mail, add 10 cents on the dollar, of the price, for postage.

THE UNKNOWN, by Camille Flammarion. 488 pp. Price, \$2.00. New York: Harper & Brothers, publishers. For sale at this office.

The character and reputation of the author will secure for this book the attention of men of renown throughout the world. Its publication in France (the home of this noted astronomer and general scientist) created quite a sensation, and it will certainly arouse the greatest interest among every people into whose language it is translated.

It details the experiences of an eminent scientist while studying the phenomena of the spirit-world, and cites many absolutely authenticated psychical manifestations. The chapters of the book are as fascinating as a novel, but are of far greater moment to thinking men the world over. It is the most important work of the present century.

The noted author states that the world has reached the period when hypnotism, telepathy, clairvoyance, disembodied apparitions, alleged spirit voices and other manifestations indicative of the survival of human life beyond the grave, can no longer be ignored by science; that they should be examined "quietly and scientifically, without connecting them with the mysterious, without excitement and without mysticism, as if we were investigating problems in astronomy, physics or physiology. Everything is to be found in nature, the known and the unknown, and there is no such thing as the supernatural." There are laws to account for everything, and to develop what they are is the legitimate province of science. This duty is all the more obligatory upon science to-day, since "it is manifest that the religion of the future will be scientific and founded on a knowledge of approved psychical facts."

In the introduction, the author says: "This work is an attempt to analyze scientifically, subjects commonly held to have no connection with science, which are even accounted uncertain, fabulous, and more or less imaginary. I am about to demonstrate that such facts exist. I am about to attempt to apply the same scientific methods employed in other sciences, to the observation, verification and analysis of phenomena commonly thrown aside as belonging to the land of dreams—the domain of the marvelous or the supernatural—and to establish that they are produced by forces still unknown to us, which belong to an invisible and natural world, different from the one we know through our own senses."

The author's conclusions are as follows: "Positive observation proves the existence of a psychic world, as real as the world known to our physical senses;" that "there really are manifestations from the dying, psychic action from a distance, mental communications, and a knowledge of things by the mind without the intervention of the senses;" that one "may see without eyes and hear without ears, not by unnatural excitement of our sense of vision or of hearing, for these accounts prove the contrary, but by some interior sense, psychic

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It giveth place to visions bright.

A rift; a pose that beams with love;
A piercing eye looks from above.
"Oh, child of earth! Seek not for fame;
But keep a pure, untarnished name.
"If any fall by poisoned cup,
Reach out thine hand and lift them up.
If hunger touch one by thy side,
Then open thy cornucopia wide.

"Pour out its contents—there is more;
For God has still an ample store."
He took us gently by the hand.
"Come with me to the Borderland."
Volition lent us wings; we flew,
To meet with spirits pure and true.
Their home was filled with gorgeous sights;
The roof was hung with stalactites.

The walls festooned with many a vine,
Over which the blooming flowers entwined.
Sweet songs of praise enchant the ear;
Soft music fills the atmosphere.
We ask the white-robed forms around:
"Can this be fairy-land we've found?"
The lightning's flash we need not fear;
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No wind disturbs our mind or form.
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"We love to roam through space at will,
And gather items rich, but still,
The cords of love draw, and we meet
A loving band in union sweet.

"We drew you here to taste the joy,
That to the good has no alloy.
It is not fairy-land, but this,
A land to taste of perfect bliss.
Go back. Thy school-term is not o'er;
You are not ripened for this shore.
Take home this thought, its text fulfill:
Pure love is better far than will.
The panorama passed away;
It faded with the dying day.

SYLVIA.



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Local News Summary.

Our Telephone.—Those who may wish to telephone to this office will please call up "Jessie 1769."

Mission Lyceum.—An increased number was in attendance at the session last Sunday. The exercises were all well rendered and highly enjoyed, as indicated by the happy and cheerful expression manifested by all present. Mrs. I. W. Denison, assistant superintendent of the American Home-Finding Association of the Pacific Coast, gave us a brief account of her present work in finding homes for the orphans and the homeless children. This association is now denominational, which, coupled with the worthiness of the cause she represents, bespeaks for her the co-operation of all charitably-minded people. Such faithful workers in behalf of the welfare of children are much needed, and are always welcome to the ranks of Lyceum workers. Our next entertainment (a Bon-bon Party) will be held on Saturday evening, July 28, at Mission Opera Hall. All are welcome. W. T. JONES, Conductor.

Mme. Young's Meeting on last Sunday evening in Oriental Hall was addressed by Mrs. Sarah Seal, who spoke of the "different conditions in spirit-life." The tests by Mme. Young were of an unusually convincing character, and the music by Prof. Young and Prof. Bothwell was one of the principal features of the evening's exercises. These meetings are held every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 605 McAllister St. The developing circle on Wednesday evening will be continued at her home, 760 Central Ave., Alameda; Webster St. station.

Mrs. Wrenn's Meeting at 117 Larkin St. was addressed by Mrs. Vigars, Mrs. Seeley, Mrs. Maxwell, Mr. Hansen and Mrs. Wrenn. This is strictly a test meeting. The music is furnished by Mrs. Dunkel.

Mrs. Meyer's Meeting in Friendship Hall, 335 McAllister St., was well attended last Sunday evening. The music was furnished by Mr. Meyer, and the messages came through the mediumship of Mrs. Meyer.

Harry Gaze spoke in Occidental Hall last Sunday evening on "How to Live Forever." His philosophy of immortality and reincarnation were slightly mixed, but his lectures are thoughtful and instructive.

Universal Spiritual Association.—The subject for discussion last Sunday afternoon was "Relationship" and kindred subjects. Dr. Hall presided and Miss Lee furnished the music. These meetings are held every Sunday afternoon, from 12 to 4:30 p.m. All are welcome.

From San Jose, Cal.

We are looking forward with great anticipation to the coming State Convention, which is to be held in our beautiful city next September. The members of the First Spiritual Union are full of enthusiasm and mean to make it one of the most pleasant and profitable conventions ever held anywhere. We hope for a large delegation from all parts of the State, so that the principles of Spiritualism may take a new hold in the minds of the people. Spiritualism is a fact, and a fact is a truth, and truth must be accepted by every thinking mind. We hope at this convention the philosophy and phenomena will stand side by side, so that both believer and investigator may have an opportunity to listen.

The beautiful teachings of the philosophy of Spiritualism should, in my opinion, be followed by the phenomena, when this phenomena comes through honest, reliable and moral mediums. Such should be allowed to publicly demonstrate this grand and uplifting truth from the platform. We have had our platform filled with able and eloquent lecturers the past three months—Mrs. L. D. Lyness of Minneapolis, Prof. W. C. Bowman of Los Angeles and Capt. Henry Harrison Brown of San Francisco. Mr. Brown will be with us during the remainder of this month. He is much appreciated and fills the hall with an intelligent audience, many of whom have never been interested in this new thought of Now. ELLA YORK, Sec.

Soldiers' Home Notes.

At the National Soldiers' Home in Los Angeles Co., Cal., has been established the First Soldiers' Home Spiritual Church, with Mrs. S. Augusta Armstrong as pastor. Lectures are given in the assembly hall every Sunday, and seances during the week. The old soldiers domiciled here have built a home and donated it to Mrs. Armstrong, and she is carrying on the work with contributions from friends of the Cause, many of whom contribute a stated sum each month. Her postoffice address is Sawtell, Los Angeles Co., Cal.

Mrs. Armstrong is the right one for the place, and has won the love and esteem of all the inmates. She is an eloquent speaker, and her disposition is uniformly kind and gracious. Kindly thoughts and good wishes, as well as material aid, is solicited, that the old soldiers may be encouraged to manfully make the last great fight.

Fraternally, S. NIXON.

Hermetic Brotherhood.—The reception day of this truly fraternal organization on Thursday afternoon and evening demonstrated the reality of its motives. The well-filled parlors, after a general holiday, plainly show that its members and their friends have use for its doctrines and activities. The meetings are of a social character, and music and laughter were added to more sober numbers of the program, by members and guests. To those who seek variety and a pleasant hour, whether friends or strangers, they will find no more suitable place than at 509 Van Ness Ave., on any Thursday of each week at 2 and 8 p.m. All are welcome.

Oakland Notes.—The Union Spiritual Society met at 856½ Isabella St. on Wednesday, June 27. Brother Ellis read a poem, followed by a few remarks from Dr. Haworth. Dr. Palmbaum became entranced and requested the audience to join hands and give their best thoughts to the sick, and very especially to those who are working in the spiritual work who need our sympathy and love. The doctor's inspirational remarks were along the lines of how to heal and do good all the time. Mrs. Amanda Smith gave tests to a number in the audience.

A. L. ASTOR, Sec.

Independence Day in San Francisco was celebrated in a hearty and sincere fashion. A great many people were out of town, either in attendance on other celebrations or summering in the country, but enough were left to enjoy comfortably the various spectacles which the committee had organized with a great deal of pains and care.

Col. Hopkins' Propaganda Fund.

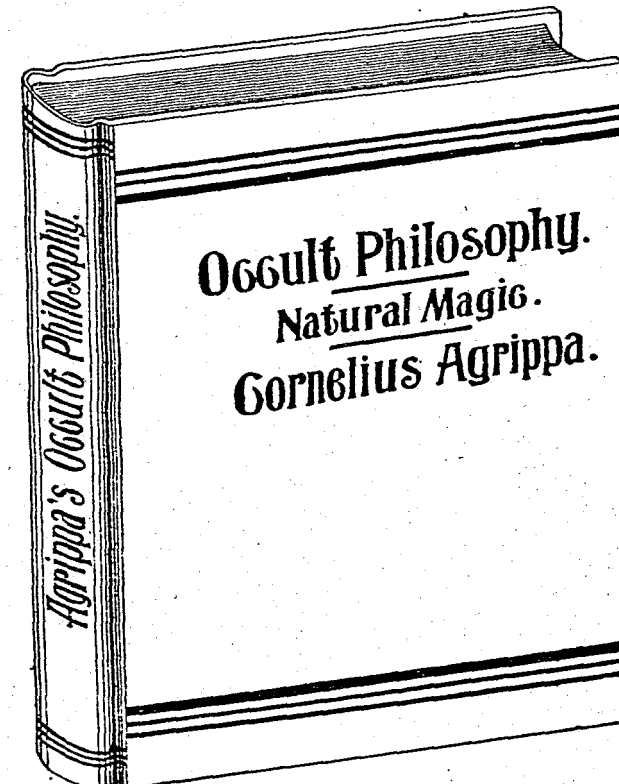
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Meets at 305 Larkin St., San Francisco, at Occidental Hall, Supreme Court building, every Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. Mr. J. T. and Mrs. R. S. LILLIE, of Boston, are engaged for the present season.

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REALITY.

I have a name which no man knows but
me;
It cometh with day's ending light;
It murmurs through the trees at dawn;
It cometh with day's ending light;
It links me to the ages gone.
There is a ME whom no man knows;
That sitteth calm and silent as a star;
That holds sweet converse with the Ones
men cannot see;
It worketh what no man can mar;
To realms unknown it hath the key.
There is a room no man enters in
Save only Him, the name of Me;
Where treasures are more rare than
Afric's mine.
But only I its fairness see—
My trusting-place with those Divine.
CARL ANDERSON.

BORDERLAND

A Haunted House.

Miss L. makes the following contribution: "In January, 1873, my aunt and I were sleeping together, when we saw our bedroom door open and a curious pale light streaming in. I got up to investigate, but the door shut immediately, and I found it dark outside and no one there. On subsequent nights we heard noises, doors opening, footsteps, etc., and we learned that the house was reputed to be haunted. Sometimes I felt touches when I was in bed, and the bed was shaken.

"One night I saw in the moonlight a figure burst through the closed door and rush past the bed to the window, the sweep of the garments being audible as it went by. Occasionally I saw a figure of a man in a military cloak of the old style, and this same apparition was seen twice by a lady, Miss D., staying at our home. It seems that the dwelling was understood to be haunted by its late owner, a Waterloo officer, who had died there."—
Selected.

Mysterious Telegraphy.

Over and over again, during the present war, correspondents have cabled: "It is reported from native sources that such and such a thing happened," and nine times out of ten the news is true. The first report of Baden-Powell's successful sortie from Mafeking came through in this way. It was absolutely accurate and reached De Aar the second day after it had happened.

It is perfectly well known that in the former Boer war British reverse at Majuba spread north and east through Zululand and the Transvaal with almost incredible rapidity and caused unrest all

through the tribes. It is not only the natives of South Africa who send and receive news in this rapid and mysterious fashion; the same thing is done by black, red and brown men the whole world over. In India the rapidity with which news travels among the natives is not merely mysterious, it is miraculous.

In the first Sikh campaign intelligence of the battles was received in Delhi twelve hours and in Calcutta 48 hours before the au-

thorities heard any news. In fact, except where we have telegraphs working direct, the native always has intimation before the European of any important news.

As to the means of this mysterious telegraphy many suggestions have been made—that the news is shouted from hilltop to hilltop; that fire signals are employed; that drum beats are sounded from village to village. The latter is actually done along the Niger and other big Central

African rivers. But these are but partial and unsatisfactory suggestions.

There is really only one bit of definite knowledge on the subject—that is the working of the system of native post of India. It is called by the Brahmans Dak and was established centuries ago by the Matajans, or native traders, for secret, political and commercial news. At present its special use is chiefly for heavy speculations in opium. It is conducted by runners,



WASHINGTON AND HIS SUCCESSORS During the First Century in the United States of America.

Who will succeed Major McKinley, the present incumbent? is the question. Many claim to know NOW; but next November will tell the story accurately and decisively.

but when they change or the routes they take are quite unknown to Europeans. They utterly avoid the great trunk roads. They run at amazing speed, and are relieved at frequent intervals, making considerably better time than the native postmen who serve the state. But at their best a pace of 100 miles a day is the outside that could be looked for, and this is nothing to the speed with which messages have been proved to travel.

Whether, as many imagine, Hindoos have attained to secrets of nature of which we know nothing, and have perfected some system of mental telegraphy or thought transference, we Westerners will never probably know.—*London News.*

Outside Phenomena.

Spiritualistic phenomena are not confined to Spiritualists, and are very widespread in their manifestations. Happening to enter into conversation with a lady a short time since, she confessed her belief in "apparitions," and backed up her statement by relating how, three days before the death of her father, while he was still in perfect health, she happened to be in her bedroom and looking at the mirror in front of her wardrobe, saw her father full length, dressed in white, therein. He passed on with heart disease, and she took his appearance as a warning.—*Exch.*

Saw Her Uncle.

Annales des Sciences Psychiques has among other articles the following: Thursday, May 25, 1897, at 8 a.m., Madame Lagenest was, in the absence of the maid, making her bed in her apartments in Rue Gros-Noyer, when before her, on the other side of the bed, she saw her uncle, M. Bonnamy, living in Loche. She saw him smile with an air of satisfaction. She addressed him, asking the cause of his arrival, without obtaining any answer. In order to escape the look which troubled her, Madame Lagenest descended into apartments in the rear of the house and entered the office of her husband. The same phantom stood before her. "But, my uncle, why do you come? Are you dead, pray?" she said. The apparition disappeared immediately after Madame Lagenest had pronounced these words.

She then took a turn in the garden in order to recover from the shock she had experienced, and half an hour afterwards, as the door-bell rang, without having seen the person who had come, she said to the servant who was near her: "Go get the dispatch for me which has just come; my uncle is dead;" which was the exact truth, M. Bonnamy having died at Loche, May 25, at 1 o'clock in the morning.

The duration of the vision, according to Madame Lagenest, must have been ten minutes. She suffered from an excessive fatigue, which did not disappear until late in the evening. B. B. K.—

Wireless Telegraphy.

The Marconi system of wireless telegraphy is in practical operation about the harbor of San Francisco. Across the waters of the bay messages are traveling with no means of conveyance but the unseen vibration of the ether, and new security is added to the defenses of the harbor by the ease with which com-

munication can now be sent from one military post to another independently of wires or cables, which an enemy might cut or which accident might disconnect.

The United States Government has been the first to chain these unseen forces and to take advantage of Marconi's discovery. Two stations have been established, one at Alcatraz Island and the other at Fort Mason, so that communication between these two posts is now carried on through the air. Flag-staffs 75 feet in height have been erected at each station, connected with the requisite machines, so that messages may be automatically recorded on ordinary printing tapes.

The method of communication is simple. When it is desired to send a message from one station to another, an electric current is thrown into the aerial wire of the sending station, thereby causing an electrical vibration of the ether. This wave is propagated in every direction, and eventually strikes or is cut by the aerial wire at the receiving station. The electric wave thus intercepted brings into play certain electrical conditions of the instruments at the receiving station, which eventually record the messages on the tape.

This is the simple story of a great achievement, which may easily play a part of great importance should any sudden emergency arise, and which will at present materially facilitate intercourse between the posts. The message might, of course, be also received at any other station, or it might be taken by a ship at sea, or were many stations to be established at surrounding points, it may easily be imagined that confusion might arise. This, it is believed, would be overcome by so adjusting the instruments that the vibrations between different posts would differ; in other words, putting sets of instruments in sympathetic accord. Cipher systems would be used in any event, to secure secrecy, just as they are used on the common electrical telegraph.—*Ex.*

At Rest with Jesus.

While journeying on the railway recently I heard the story of a lady Spiritualist who, always in earnest, undertook to talk to a friend of hers, who looked upon Spiritualists as bad, and spirits as being from the Devil. After the lady propagandist had talked awhile, she said to the skeptic: "I see your mother with you," and then went on to talk of her characteristics and other interesting matters. When she had finished what she intended to be a conclusive argument, the skeptical lady said quite calmly: "Dear me. I always thought my dear mother was at rest with Jesus!" Is it any wonder that the propagandist retired, feeling the task a hopeless one?—*The Two Worlds.*

Clairvoyant Pony.

Captain C., of the British Army, contributes the following: "Between 10 and 11 o'clock, one moonlight night in Darjeeling, while riding my pony at a sharp trot along the mountain road to Jullapahur, I suddenly saw before me what appeared to be a dead native, wrapped in a white sheet, and lying stretched across the road. My pony evidently saw the apparition, or whatever it was, at the same moment, for he instantly reared up and fell over backward,

dragging me close to the edge of the precipice. I regained my feet, and raising the prostrate animal by the bridle, I found it trembling in every limb and much frightened.

"I looked around angrily to 'wig' the native, thinking him to be perhaps a drunken hillman, when lo and behold, he had disappeared! On one side was a precipice, on the other the precipitous mountain side, bare of trees, and not an object else to be seen. It is inconceivable that a living human being could have vanished in such a manner."

The Wonderful Secret.

NELLIE M. JERAULD.

At last the secret was mine. Long had I labored; many the nights I had remained in my study; and now after years of research and the hardest of mental labor, I had reached my goal. But let me explain.

My father was a scientist of note; my mother had been his helper. Side by side they had investigated; side by side they had experimented in the laboratory. My first recollection was of bottles and jars filled with liquids of different colors, some of the jars having insects, reptiles and such like things preserved in the liquid; and one jar, I remember, had a tiny infant in it. But that was many, very many years ago, and I only mention these things now to show you that I could not be otherwise than I am. Heredity is the cause. My father and mother are dead now, and I am an old man.

When a child I wondered what enabled people to think; what it was that made them so different from the animals. I determined to discover the cause of the difference. Could I but know what caused them to think! Could I but know the process of thought, what a change I would make! No more idiots; no more feeble-minded. I would place all on an equality, mentally. As I thought of the wonders that could be accomplished, and of the good that could be done, I determined to become the benefactor of the race.

To accomplish my purpose, I studied constantly. I went to the best schools of medicine in America; then to those of Germany, graduating with high honors from all. Yet I was not able to discover the secret.

Brain after brain of the "subjects" I dissected. Carefully I studied the convolutions of the brain. I found that the brain was not a simple organ, but a composite, rich in structure and very delicately formed. It is not a homogeneous mass, but is of the most delicate organization and of the highest perfection. I found that the two principal components of the brain were gray and white, meeting each other at the greatest possible number of points. I found mountains and valleys, bridges and water courses, beams and arches, pins and hooks, claws and ramshorns, trees and sheaves, harps and trumpets, but I could not find the significance of these wonderful shapes.

I found that the gray substance was the seat of thought, and that the brain consisted partly of an almost innumerable array of very delicate primitive or nerve fibers, and partly of an equally innumerable host of nerve cells or ganglionic centers.

I found that there were no less than from five to seven distinct layers of these cells in the gray

envelope of the brain, of which they form a chief part; each layer in its turn exhibiting peculiarly shaped cells of different sizes. I found that these were special cells, or nervous centers for the performance of the actions of sensation, movement, nutrition and reflection; and I found these were centers for the different forms of higher psychical activity, such as reason, imagination, sense of number, of space, of music and of beauty.

But I can not tell all my discoveries; for it would take too long, and only they who have passed through it step by step, as I did could understand it. I found that by using an electric battery and certain chemicals, the combination of which is known only to myself, I could stimulate dormant brain cells; and whenever I found a patient who was deficient in any faculty and who would allow me to experiment upon him, I would in a few weeks' time observe a change for the better. I longed for a being utterly devoid of sense, upon whom I could freely experiment.

At last I gained my desire. To the poor-house in P—an idiot was brought, a boy of a year or fifteen months of age. No one knew anything of his parentage, and so when I asked for the child, they willingly gave him to me.

At once I began my experiments, and in a few weeks had the satisfaction of seeing that his faculty of memory was developing; for the child gave unmistakable signs of recognition when I returned after a day's absence; I put sweetmeats in a certain pocket, and he soon learned to search for that pocket. I saw the idiot slowly becoming a thinking being. Little by little I developed his reasoning faculties, and when he reached the age of manhood, he could talk intelligently, and he obeyed every word, every gesture of mine, for he was devotedly attached to me.

Dull he undoubtedly was, yet not an idiot. I felt that in some degree I was his creator; but I was not satisfied. There were brain cells, the use of which I had not ascertained. In all the brains I had examined, I had found, without exception, that a cluster of cells situated almost exactly in the center of the third layer of gray matter was dwarfed, thus showing that they had never been used. They were atrophied. I determined to develop these cells in the brain of this lad, though they were difficult to reach. I will not explain the method I used; that is my secret. By performing a difficult operation I managed to treat those cells. Not often, for the operation was of a very difficult and delicate character.

Closely I watched him, and noted every word and every act. I kept near him when he slept, but my efforts were seemingly fruitless; I could see no difference in the lad. However, I did not despair; but one day, while I was in my study, I heard a scream, a sound of voices and a tramping of feet, and the lad was brought in, evidently in the agony of death. He had been trampled upon by a runaway horse and injured fatally. He was laid on the cot in my private office and I examined him carefully. There was no hope; he could live but a few hours, and I had not discovered the use of those cells! Call me hard-hearted, cruel, if you will, but that was my greatest sorrow.

Suddenly an inspiration came to me. I would hypnotize him, so he would feel no pain, and then I would lay his brain bare, and while he yet lived I would perhaps have

the great opportunity of my life. To think was to act. I made the requisite passes, and soon he was oblivious to pain. I told him to speak only in reply to a direct question from me. Then I carefully and swiftly cut the covering of the brain, beginning slightly back and above the ears, and laid bare the brain, thus enabling me to reach those dwarfed cells and inject some of the liquid into them. I awaited the result. The lad lay quiet.

I said: "Have you anything to tell me?" "I do not know," was the lad's answer. Again I injected the magic liquid and waited. Then I said: "Do you feel anything?" "Yes." "What do you feel?" "Life." The reply startled me. The tone the lad used was a surprise; heretofore it had been of a thick, guttural character, while this was clear and vibrant. "Tell me what you mean."

"Tell you what Life means? Ah, that would be difficult, indeed! No one knows in its entirety the meaning of Life. It means love and hate, joy and sorrow, pleasure and pain, wealth and poverty, education and ignorance; all the virtues and all the vices. Can any one have experienced all these? Aye, they can, but not until many hundreds of lives have been lived. And then we have had all of life and can tell what life is, *we are gods*, and do not dwell with mortals. You do not believe me, yet the time will come when you shall know for yourself.

"You have tried in vain to give me full life. You have done well, and I am, indeed, grateful to you, for you have bestowed a priceless boon upon the poor idiot. You have given him the use of the normal faculties, and have given life to his soul. In return for this I will explain to you the use of those cells, which, by the application of your magic liquid, you have renewed. They are the seat of humanity's soul. Ah, you start; but it is true. That is why the souls of men are so small, so dwarfed and atrophied. They have never been developed, and without exercise, all things must eventually become useless.

"My time here is drawing to a close and I must hasten. I am the soul of this lad, and I have lived in other bodies, during other lives, I know not how many hundred years. It is a law of nature that we reap as we sow, and in being compelled to take the body of an idiot, I only reaped the past sowing. You have done for me that for which I can not repay you during your present life; but bear in mind that at some future time I will fully compensate you. Although living in such a body and under such adverse conditions, I go hence better prepared than many who have had all the advantages of race, education and culture. I hear the summons and bid you adieu."

He ceased speaking. I begged him to answer a few questions. He did not reply. I applied the electric current and made use of all the restoratives my science and skill had made known to me; he was motionless and speechless. Then I replaced the scalp, closed the lad's eyes and put away my instruments, while I thought of the wonderful discovery I had made.

Suddenly I heard a noise as of some one walking across the floor. Knowing that I had locked the office door before beginning the operation, I knew it was the lad coming to me. Turning around, I listened breathlessly, to hear his

words. "It is time for breakfast. You have overslept."

I awoke, and there on the floor lay the book, "Force and Matter," open at the subject, Brain and Mind, where I had been reading when I dropped asleep.

Letter from Washington, D.C.

WALTER P. WILLIAMS.

While in Chicago in March it was my pleasure to meet, among others, that staunch friend of mediums, Mr. C. H. Horine, and his pleasant wife. Although my time was limited in that noisy city, through the helpfulness and hospitality of those friends it was most profitably and satisfactorily spent.

It was my great pleasure and privilege to listen to a lecture from the guides of Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, a worker whose fame as an inspired instrument of the spirit spheres is international. My expectations were fully realized, and it was a rare treat.

Not only was this pleasure mine, but also that of meeting her devoted companion and helper, and then of spending an hour or two in pleasant converse with them and Mrs. Richmond's spirit guides in their home at Rogers' Park the following day.

A seance with May S. Bangs for paper-writing was successful, and within a sealed envelope, on sheets of blank linen writing paper placed there by myself, and afterward opened by me when on the street car, I received four pages apparently written in ink, and attached to it were seven names, all familiar to me. This writing was done by some invisible intelligence, in the bright light of a Sunday afternoon, while the medium and myself were engaged in a pleasant conversation. Raps, which seemed to emanate from a pair of slates between which I had tied the sealed envelope, indicated the completion of the message. It was personal, pointed, comprehensive, and conveyed information that I know the medium did not possess.

At a private trumpet seance with Mrs. Celia Hughes the demonstrations were most convincing. The audible voices of spirit friends conveyed messages of love and wisdom. It was a most delightful experience. At one time a spirit spoke through the trumpet and another by independent voice, so that the three mortals in the form and two from the invisible realm all joined in the conversation.

After reaching the national capital, one of my first calls was at the headquarters of the N. S. A., where Mrs. Mary T. Longley, the gifted secretary and medium, and her husband, the spiritual song-writer, wield a most harmonious influence. Mrs. Longley does not give private sittings, but it has been our good fortune to attend a number of home circles there and listen to the wise words of Father Pierpont and the playful, happy, winsome utterances of Nannie Gibson—Mrs. Longley's familiar guides. Some of the verses given by the last-named control are most beautiful and evince keen spiritual discernment.

Among other interesting things at the headquarters is a library of more than 500 books on Spiritualism and kindred themes. This is growing gradually, additions being made from time to time by friends in various sections of the country, and there is no good reason why it may not become a permanent repository of all that is worth pre-

serving in spiritualistic literature. This library is open to the public free of charge.

During the "season" (that means from October to June here), the First Spiritualist Association held meetings each Sunday at Masonic Temple. Mr. J. C. F. Grumbine lectured, speaking both morning and evening to good audiences. Mr. Grumbine is an educated, polished man, and a pleasing speaker. He has many ardent admirers in the city, is very active himself, and is to return to the same platform next season.

Among other meetings held during the latter part of the season my attention was attracted to those named hereafter, but there were doubtless others of which I knew nothing.

Mrs. Julia Warneke gave tests at the Sunday evening meetings of a recently chartered society on Ninth St., N. W. Her readings and messages were almost invariably pronounced correct, and the audiences seemed to be limited only by the capacity of the hall. Desiring to see her work in a more private seance, I went to her home at the regular time for a meeting, only to find the seance room crowded to its utmost capacity and some fifteen others, like myself, unable to gain admission.

Mr. Norris, a youthful-looking gentleman from Baltimore, also held Sunday evening meetings on the same street. His work is independent, and I found him to be a good psychic. While his work is not directed to the building up of any society, indirectly it is bound to help the Spiritualist organizations.

Mr. J. H. Altemus occasionally held a public seance at Wonn's hall. The one attended by me was good, and the tests satisfactory.

All the public meetings have been discontinued for the Summer, but some of the members and friends of the First Spiritualist Association have been meeting each Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. Wood, the president, where a pleasant time is had.

Mrs. Stevens, formerly of California, is a resident of this city and doing a good work as a trance medium. She holds weekly seances and gives private readings. She is the leader of the lyceum at the Masonic Temple, and active in working.

Next Summer, if the fates are kind, we hope to visit one of the eastern camps. Just now we are anticipating with pleasure a visit from our mutual friend, Mrs. Loe F. Prior, who has been doing good work in the South.

ARCANA OF SPIRITUALISM, manual of Spiritual Science and Philosophy; by Hudson Tuttle, author of "The Arcana of Nature" and many other philosophical works. 320 pp., cloth, gilt. Price, \$1.25. For sale at this office.

THE UNKNOWN, by Camille Flammarion. 488 pp. Price, \$2.00. For sale at this office.

WORDS THAT BURN, a romance by Mrs. Lida B. Browne. Utica, N. Y.: Daniel B. Briggs, publisher. 366 pp., cloth. Price, \$1.50. For sale at this office.

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For other mediums see page 5.

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The Duty of Spiritualist periodicals requires them to maintain as cheerful an attitude as possible consistent with truth.

Light, of London, has some correspondents who are finding fault because the "Onward Spiritualist Society" is flooding England with spiritual literature. It seems to be very hard to suit everybody.

A Religion which needs no foreign missionaries is a very comfortable kind of a religion to have just at this juncture of the world's unfoldment. Spiritualism is that kind of a religion.

Healers in Ohio.—The Suggestive Therapists, Magnetic Healers, and other non-medical healers of Ohio, have organized under the name, "The Psychopathic and Non-Medical Liberal Association," for the purpose of advancing the science of non-medical healing, and of protecting the members of the association from unjust prosecution under the law known as the Love Medical Law.

Fair Play.—The *Healer* for July gives an account of a debate, where the editor, Francis Edgar Mason, Mr. Rowley and Hugh O. Penticost combined against the Rev. A. C. Dixon, pastor of the Hanson Place Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., in which the reverend gentleman got the worst of the argument. Of course, he was on the wrong side, but still he ought not to contend against such odds.

The Spiritual Press wields an immense power in the world, and the tendency of its expression should be optimistic, seeking always to find the silver lining which is said to be the accompaniment of every cloud.

Cause of Famine.

An exchange published in the famine districts of India prints the following, which will be of interest to our readers, whose hearts have been torn by the terrible suffering being endured in that unfortunate country:

Besides the heavy land tax, its payment in coin is also a great cause of ruin of peasants: for after the fixing of rent on a land, it so happens that a period of drought follows and nothing is produced on the land; but its tenant is still required to pay the same rental as before. To do so, a peasant contracts a debt and then suffers all the miseries a debtor is liable to fall into. According to the Hindu law, there can be no such misery. When nothing was produced, nothing was given. It was thus the ancient Hindus got enormously rich and the effects of drought and famine were never felt, as the savings of good years amply provided against the scarcity of bad years.

Let us be Just.

A teacher in the public school of Holyoke, Mass., has been compelled to resign, because, in answer to a question from one of her pupils, she said that Jesus was not the only son, but was one of a family of ten. The following quotation from the Christians' Bible Book certainly bears witness to the careful research of this teacher, and proves that she is not ignorant, if, perchance, she may have been indiscreet:

Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary, and his brethren James and Josés, and Simon and Judas? And his sisters—are not they all with us? Whence, then, hath this man all these things?—Matt. xiii. 55-56.

Why?—There seems to be a very decided deterioration in the editorials of some of our most valued exchanges, since the Paris Exposition opened, and the bicycle excursion "through the States" has become the fad. Is it possible that the source of inspiration "has departed from Israel?" In San Francisco we lay great stress upon the "very select" and "well-dressed" audiences who gather weekly to listen to the inspired utterances of local oracles. Someone has said: "Whom the gods wish to destroy, they first make mad."

Prof. Julian MacRae has kindly consented to conduct the new department in the JOURNAL on "Spiritual Science Healing," which promises to be of great assistance to those who need help in that line. He is an efficient scientist, medium and seer, and will open up the way to health, wealth and prosperity to our readers. See his introductory article on page 5.

The Lake Brady camp-meeting near Kent, O., is now in running order. It will close on Sept. 2, 1900.

The Rich in the Spirit-World

A correspondent who is intensely interested and zealous in the Cause, desires us to present the following article to our readers:

TO THE EDITOR: I often wonder when those who have died, leaving so much wealth behind to be squandered by those who cared nothing about them, are satisfied with their labors here on earth. I only wish that some of our mediums who read the JOURNAL, would open communication with the spirits of some of the rich, and inquire of them how much better satisfied would they be if the money left behind had been spent during their lifetime in bringing their fellow-men to the light and blessing of Spiritualism, could they now see the benefit and enjoy the result.

What must their feelings be when they look back and see the labors of a whole lifetime thrown away, which could have been used to wonderful advantage while on earth.

Will some mediums please open a communication through their guides with the spirits of some of the rich, and let us know how they are satisfied with their condition, and would they not be happier if the money they left behind had been spent in opening the eyes of their fellows to the light? As this would be interesting, I hope that all mediums will give the readers of the JOURNAL all the light possible upon this subject.

J. I. HOLLINGSWORTH,
Winchester, Va.

The proposition contained in the foregoing article is a good one, and will be very interesting to many who now use their means unwisely, and may leave the same to others to squander for them, after they have passed to spirit-life. If such could realize the effect of using "this world's goods" for the betterment of mankind, educating and uplifting them mentally and spiritually, they would act very differently than now they are doing. Therefore, to get statements from those who have already passed the portal of death, and hear from them their regrets, will be a great argument in favor of liberality while yet here.

If our mediums will do as suggested by Mr. Hollingsworth, we shall be pleased to publish the communications for the benefit of the world.

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Will They do it?—The candidate of a great political party for the office of Vice-President of the United States called Thomas Paine, the author-hero of the American Revolution, "a filthy little Atheist." He is now asking the friends and admirers of the patriot Thomas Paine to elevate him to the second official position in the gift of the American people.

The Reviewer.

Any of the books noticed in this Department can be obtained at this office. When to be sent by mail, add 10 cents on the dollar, of the price, for postage.

ECHOES FROM SHADOWLAND, by Agnes Proctor. 88 pp., cloth, gilt. 75 cents. New York: Alliance Publishing Co., "Life" Building.

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The contents of this book was given by Spirit Lillian—through the mediumship of Mrs. M. T. Longley—to the author, and by him dedicated to humanity. The purpose of the narrative is a good one, and the name of this well-known author is a guarantee of good faith. Some of the historical characters are represented in a new light. The perusal of this book will result in an increase of knowledge and a better understanding of historical personages. The language of the communicating spirit is: "The work of this romance is to interest and instruct, and if this is accomplished, we shall be satisfied."

THE LIVING UNIVERSE, by Henry Wood. 23 pp., paper. Boston: Lee & Shepard, publishers. 202 Devonshire St. Price, 10 cents.

This is a synthetic generalization of the significance of recent scientific discoveries, regarding the ether, matter, evolution and the oneness of life. This author is a voluminous writer and an advanced thinker.

"Proceedings of the Society for Psychical Research," London, England. This report for the half year ending June 1 contains the proceedings of general meetings, and an address by the president, Prof. F. W. H. Myers. This scholarly address is full of enthusiasm, because of discoveries already made, and hope for greater things to come.

The Advanced Science Journal for July contains: "The Fountain of Life," "Your Soul's Photograph" and an editorial on "The Mesiah Epidemic." Harry Gaze, editor and publisher, Playter Block, Oakland, Cal. 10 cents. "Devoted to the attainment of physical immortality."

The Open Court for July contains the conclusion of "The Old and the New Magic," by the editor, and a very interesting illustrated article on Copernicus, Tycho Brahe and Kepler. Dr. Paul Carus, editor, Chicago. 10 cents.

Light Bearer Library, 507 Carroll Ave., Chicago, is publishing a series of booklets on economic subjects. Nos. 3, 4 and 5 are at hand. "Judgment," by Wm. Platt; "The Regeneration of Society," by Lillian Harman, and "Love and Freedom," by Moses Harman. Price, 5 cents each.

In the August number of the *Delineator*, Dr. Murray handles a subject of great interest to mothers. The sudden attacks of croup, with their very distressing symptoms, and the alarming dangers of diphtheria, are treated with professional thoroughness, but in such a way that unprofessional people can understand and act upon the advice at the outset of an attack.

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INTRODUCTION.

This is a new department in the work of the JOURNAL, and it is in order that its functions be clearly defined. The kingdom of heaven is a kingdom of uses. In spiritual language the word "kingdom" means the state of consciously using power, or using power conscious of your right or authority to do so. Power is measured according to the use you make of it, just as the corporations have a meter for your gas and electric supply. Spiritual power follows this golden rule: the more you use, the more you get; but—the more you abuse, the less you get, until you end by getting none, and disaster, disease and death ensue.

Spiritual scientists, kindly listen to what I say. You believe in progression of the spirit. You believe that mediums and believing mortals generally can aid spirits to advance, by permitting them to manifest and to live out certain portions or features of their lives which they had no knowledge, inclination or opportunity to complete on the earth plane of existence. You believe this; most of you know it by your actual experience with many loving, but afflicted spirits. Please realize that this knowledge imposes upon you solemn responsibilities. I declare, then, that this department is opened at the earnest solicitation of bands or societies of healing spirits whom I call angels of vitality, so as to give them the direct channel, vehicle or medium to heal the physical afflictions of mankind, and thereby add to their own eternal glory.

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This department recognizes three degrees of disease: disease of the mind, of the body and of the pocket-book, and positively undertakes to cure them.

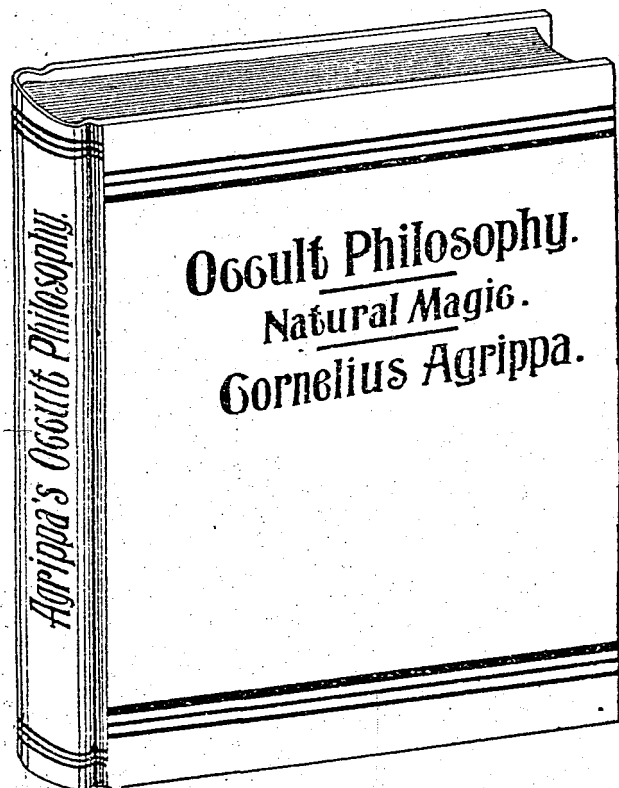
Every week there will appear in this column a short, scientific article dealing with the true cause of all forms of disease, and showing how the causes are to be removed. Light and Life will go hand in hand.

Address all correspondence to this department, by which all questions will be cheerfully considered.

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Local News Summary.

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Oakland.—Spiritual thoughts and messages came to all who attended the meeting of the Union Spiritual Society of Oakland on Wednesday evening, July 11, at 336½ Isabella St., Oakland, Cal. Mrs. Palinbaum's reading of the poem, "If we Only Knew," at the services, brought beautiful influences. Mrs. Flannagan brought a lovely bouquet expressly for the guides of Dr. Palinbaum, and his inspiring words and tests were a great comfort to all. Dr. Hawthorth spoke with great feeling and gave some good tests. Mr. Van Loven spoke of Spiritualism being such a comfort and a blessing, and he recognizes that Dr. Palinbaum was the means of his conversion to this beautiful knowledge.

A. L. ASTOR, Sec.

Universal Spiritual Association.—The subject for discussion last Sunday afternoon at 20 Eddy St. was: "Relationship." This is practically the modern form of the ancient query: "Am I my Brother's Keeper?" The music by Miss Lee was appreciated, and the discussion was sharp and interesting.

Mme. Young's Meeting at Oriental Hall last Sunday evening was addressed by Mrs. Sarah Seal on the subject of "Money." The tests by Mme. Young and the music by Prof. Young were, as usual, up to the highest mark of modern unfoldment.

Mental Science Association.—The First Mental Science Temple of San Francisco met last Sunday as usual at Golden Gate Hall, at 11 a.m. The exercises were exceedingly interesting. The Temple will take a vacation for a month, and hopes to reassemble on Aug. 19 in the upper hall at 625 Sutter St.

Mrs. Meyer's Meeting at 335 McAllister St. last Sunday evening was entertained with music by Mr. Meyer, and tests by Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Clara J. Meyer. This is a popular resort for those who seek for occult information.

Postponed.—Because of the absence from the city of so many of the members and friends of the Mediums' Protective Association, the Committee of Arrangements have decided to postpone the social announced for Wednesday evening, July 18. We will probably combine the next social with the election of delegates to the convention at San Jose, and thus combine business with pleasure. We hope to have the largest delegation of staunch Spiritualists which has ever attended any of our conventions.

JENNIE ROBINSON, Chairman Com.

Mrs. Wrenn's Meeting at 117 Larkin St. was well attended last Sunday evening. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Hatch assisted in the exercises. The music was supplied by Mrs. Dunkel.

A Circle of Harmony will be held in Mrs. F. A. Logan's rooms every Sunday evening at 1218 Railroad Ave., Bay Station, Alameda, Cal.

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A Beautiful Home in Alameda, Cal., has been lately purchased by Prof. Richard and Mme. E. Young. The house was originally built for a wealthy family as a home. There are ten acres in the ground facing Central Ave., and running back to the Bay. The building is elegant in all particulars, as well as spacious. There are several fountains in the lawn, with ornamental and fruit trees in abundance.

The editor and Mrs. Newman, in company with Prof. Julian and Mrs. MacRae and Mrs. Emma Freeman, spent a delightful afternoon there last Sunday. Prof. and Madam Young entertained us royally, and invited us to a sumptuous dinner.

Madam Young is a well-known psychic and test medium, and is holding meetings in San Francisco four times a week. Her spirit guides opened the way for the purchase of this beautiful country home, for the purpose of creating life forces and strengthening the physical body while they are using it for spiritual manifestations. It is intended to build a temple on the ground facing Central Ave., near Webster St. station on the Narrow-Gauge Railway. This is to be accomplished as soon as practicable. Her spirit guides are ancient Egyptians, and desire to have the temple and adjoining grounds as near like Ancient Egypt as possible. The temple is intended to seat some 400 or 500 persons, and will be an honor to the cause of Spiritualism. May it soon be materialized!

Mediums' Protective Association.

—Realizing the importance of the coming State Convention of Spiritualists, which will convene in San Jose on Sept. 7, this society has instructed the secretary to call a meeting of all the members on Saturday evening, Aug. 11, to elect delegates and make other provisions for a proper representation of this society, when the Spiritualists of California will assemble in the "educational center" of the Pacific Coast. The place of meeting will be announced later, and each member will be notified by postal card. There is more involved in this, and other movements of a similar character in progress in this city, than most people know of. There promises to be some earnest work done in the next convention, from which all personalities will be eliminated.

M. S. NORTON, Sec. pro. tem.

Dedication.—The Oakland Psychical Society will dedicate its new hall, 521 12th St., just west of Washington, on Sunday, July 22. A cordial invitation is extended to all friends in San Francisco. Meeting will continue from 11 a.m. until after evening service. Mrs. R. S. Lillie will deliver the opening address at 2:30 p.m.; Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe-Watson will deliver the evening address. Morning session—Conference at 11 o'clock sharp.

Mrs. M. E. COLEMAN.

Mrs. Boxton, who is located at 530 Golden Gate Ave., is one of those spiritually-minded workers who care more for results than methods. Those who have met and talked with this estimable lady will know why we say no more than this of her successful missionary work in this city.

Hermetic Brotherhood.—A glorious, full moon lighted the reception evening of this Order on Thursday last. A goodly number of members and friends found their way to the harmonious peace and pleasantness of their Home, at 509 Van Ness Ave. The exercises of the evening, while esthetic and instructive, were so varied as to fix the attention and interest of all upon the readings, discussions, etc., interspersed with good music, which the program called for. These exercises are all informal, and tendered by both members and guests. The topic offered for the evening's thought was: "Is the voice of the people the voice of God?" The topic for next Thursday night will be: "What do we owe the unspeaking life about us?" The hours of meeting are 2 and 8 p.m. All are welcome.

Mrs. M. A. Bird, the well-known spirit medium, who has for many years been quietly using the powers given her as a translator of messages between the two worlds, has disposed of most of her material interests in this city and gone to Monterey on a visit to her son. Mrs. Bird expects to go from there on a tour of the eastern States. She is known here as an honest and capable medium. Mr. Bird is at present exploring the gold fields of the North, and we expect that when they return to San Francisco, the spiritual fraternity will know that "there has been something doing." The best wishes of all go with them, hoping for a speedy return.

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The Beautiful World Unseen.

Over there in that beautiful world,
Only veiled from our vision below—
There the banners of love are unfurled,
And the rivers of peace ever flow.
Oh, that beautiful home,
In the beautiful gardens unseen;
Oh, the beautiful home
We shall find in those gardens unseen.
In that beautiful home ever fair,
We shall meet with our friends gone before;
We shall clasp their glad hands over there,
And rejoice in that evergreen shore.
Breathing forth from that world unseen
Sweet with love are the voices we hear;
And the music of heaven floats in,
Softly greeting the listening ear.
Oh, we hear them, their presence we feel,
Their thought and their gladness we know;
For they come bearing love's precious seal,
And we meet them and greet them below.
We can send them our thoughts and our love,
We can take of the bounty they give;
All their pure, loving help we may prove,
In the glow of their peace we may live.
JAMES C. UNDERHILL, Hammond, Ind.

BORDERLAND

A Mysterious Room.

Last Summer I was in Italy and Switzerland, and spent several weeks at a small hotel on one of the lakes. My husband and I occupied a cheerful-looking room, commanding a beautiful view. A gentleman, who was one of our party, occupied the room next to ours. There was a door between the two rooms. Nearly every night, without any apparent reason, I suffered from a very nervous feeling, a sense of there being something wrong or unsafe.

One morning the gentleman mentioned above told me he had been distressed in the night by hearing sounds of moaning in my room, and had gotten up to listen at the door, fearing that I was ill. I had slept well, and told him that I had no recollection of any bad dream, and could only suppose that the sounds had come from some other direction. About a week after, he mentioned a recurrence of the same sounds.

Shortly after this, he left the hotel, and his room remained unoccupied. The weather became intensely hot, so that one night, on waking suddenly, I felt that I should like to get up and stand by the open window. Just as I was doing so—I mention this to show that I was wide awake—I heard, at a few paces from me in the room, the most heart-broken moaning, every moan ending in a sort of painful gasp or sob. It would be impossible to imitate or describe it. It sounded like the voice of a woman suffering from extreme mental or physical pain. So near, loud and clear was it, that I could not possibly be mistaken as to the direction whence it came.

My husband was fast asleep, and I had not time to wake him before the sounds ceased, as they lasted a few moments only. My first impression was that someone had once been very ill or unhappy in that room.

Prior to this, another of our party, occupying a room not far off, complained to me of having been startled one night by loud cracks and raps in her room, so that she could not sleep. As the weather was hot, I tried to believe it was the furniture cracking, and told her so. We did not make any inquiries of the hotel-keepers, knowing it would be useless, as such people are always afraid lest their visitors should be alarmed or prejudiced against the hotel.

These ladies told me they knew that before their visit to that hotel a young English lady had been very ill there, and had died of consumption, but that her death occurred at another hotel in the neighborhood. Then we obtained some automatic writing, which I am afraid cannot be considered of much value, as we were aware of the above fact, but it purported to come from the deceased young lady. She declared that she had not wished to leave this world, and imparted certain confidences of a very pathetic nature, and said that it had comforted her to write. The name given was almost illegible, and cannot be traced in the register of deaths in the neighborhood; there is, however, a death record

Then on July 15 the *Chronicle* printed the following article:

Dr. Max Muehlenbruch, who predicted, in a public hall in Oakland, the blowing up of the Maine twelve days before it took place, and whose prophecies of other national events have been remarkably correct in their fulfillment, has given the following forecast for the years 1900 and 1901.

In justice to Dr. Muehlenbruch, it should be said that these prophecies were made before the dispatch which announced the suicide of the Chinese Emperor had been received, and while it was believed that the Oregon would be a total wreck:

PREDICTIONS.

The Emperor of China will be assassinated before the close of 1900.

The Dowager Empress will die suddenly during 1901.

Li Hung Chang will fall a victim to the assassin during the next two years.

China will be divided, but America will do well not to take any part in it, as much war between foreign countries will be the outcome of the division.

On December 13, 1899, Dr. Muehlenbruch foretold the complication of China with three other powers.

The Oregon will be saved. Her accident was due to the rock on which she struck not being on the chart. The tide was immense in its fall. She was traveling in apparent safety, when the tide turned with great force and swiftness, and threw her on the rock. The cost of her actual repairs will be about \$27,000.

The war between Great Britain and the Boers will extend into 1901. Although England will be victorious, her loss financially, as well as in the lives of her subjects, will be beyond comprehension at the present time. The number of the slain will be greater than in any war of modern times.

In the next two years, King Humbert of Italy will three times narrowly escape assassination, and it looks at the present time as if the last attempt may be successful.

The Sultan of Turkey will twice narrowly escape being murdered, and will suddenly die from natural causes.

During the next three years, Germany will have many upheavals, due to atmospheric conditions. There will be much bloodshed, and the Emperor will die suddenly.

On March 13, 1898, Dr. Muehlenbruch foretold the assassination, during 1900, of a German high official. This was fulfilled by the killing, on June 18, of Baron von Ketteler, the German Minister to China.



CALIFORNIA ORANGE GROVE.

On arriving at our next stopping place, I met two ladies of my acquaintance, and on mentioning to them where we had stayed, one of them exclaimed: "Never shall I forget the experience I had in that house!" Comparing notes, we found we had occupied the same room at an interval of about three years. Their account was, that at about 2 a.m. one morning, they were terrified beyond endurance by hearing a succession of loud reports like pistol shots, and loud cracks, coming from all parts of the room. They rang up the people of the hotel, who were strange in their manner, and who informed them that it was only the furniture cracking! My friends changed their room the next day. I then determined to investigate the matter as far as possible.

of an English lady about the time, that might fit in well with the above facts. I am afraid we cannot prove identity, as there seems to be no possible evidence.—*Light, London, England.*

Predictions for 1900-1901.

The San Francisco *Chronicle* of July 14 contains the following:

"It is said that prophets are not honored in their own country, but California has one exception. A prophet in Oakland, Cal., whose prophecies have come true in so many instances that his reputation has been much enhanced, makes some predictions for the coming months. Read them. You will be interested."

The sudden demise of the Czar of Russia will be due to weakening of the brain.

During the next five years, many of the crowned heads of Europe will pass away.

The young King of Spain will be short-lived; he will fall a victim to pneumonia. The crown will revert to his sister. There will be much disturbance in Spain before these events come to pass, but peace will be restored, and the country will remain a monarchy.

Hawaii will be as closely connected with California as New York now is. 1901 will see the time of steamship transit between foreign countries greatly decreased. There will be daily trips between San Francisco and Honolulu.

The Western States, especially Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota, will suffer during the next five years from drought, blizzards and electrical storms.

California is entering upon three prosperous years, which will be followed by two years of drought.

Between September 1 and December 31, 1900, San Francisco will experience the heaviest earthquake ever known in its history; some buildings will fall and lives will be lost.

Within a year, Chinatown in San Francisco will be removed from its present location. The Chinese will be displeased and many attempts at bribery will be made. It will cost the city a goodly sum of money.

A New Method of Morals.

J. R. TALLMADGE.

In our system of education there is a constant evolution in methods of instruction; better ways of training the mind are constantly being introduced. Many see the necessity of a moral training not yet introduced or sufficiently formulated. It was attempted to meet this want by the reading of the Bible in our public schools; but, as is generally known, a difficulty arose, first, as between the interpretations of the different religious denominations, and secondly, the so-called class of non-religionists who objected to theological tenets of religion as forming a part of the instruction of their children. Whatever beneficial results might be expected from such use of the book, if true, a compromise was effected by its exclusion from the schools entirely, and there the matter rests, with an occasional reference to it from time to time by one side or the other.

It seems evident that this great deficiency in educational work cannot be met on that proposed line of procedure if even its admission would bring the happy results anticipated. Still, the need of exact moral training exists, and may it not be possible to reach the end satisfactorily in another way?

Orthodox religion is passing—not its vital sentiment, however, which is becoming more apparent—summed up in the quotation: "Deal justly, love, mercy," etc. The evolution of mind to-day is far on the road of scientific observation and formulation; old theories are becoming obsolete, while exact science is taking their place. Now, is there not to be found an exact science in morals as in mathematics?

The moral forces are the foundation of all existence; without them no development could go forward; the woes of mankind are solely because they do not recognize this fact.

The question the writer would propound to some competent student is: Cannot a text-book be formulated that will teach this principle in its detail as accurately as mathematics? We speak of mathematics as the only exact science; but surely a principle so significant in nature should be susceptible of such formulation, and thus complete harmony of action in this important part of our educational system, would be secured, and in one body all would go forward in co-operative effort to meet the evidently greatest need now apparent in our educational system.

As it is, we are only educating the intellect, and one could find some excuse for the extravagant assertion that it does more harm than good, because the student goes out with greater capacity in the enactment of such motives, quickly applying his quickened intellect to the dominant spirit of the age, Mammon and commercialism.

If there is a principle of morals as exact as mathematics, the wrong application of it can be shown to be as disastrous and impressed upon the mind of the student as the misplacing of figures, or wrong addition in an important business exchange. If one puts the hundreds in the place of the units in transactions coming to him, he is a heavy loser. Quite as surely it should be as readily shown and demonstrated that disregard of proper application of moral or ethical principles will, in the footing of character—the building of which is intended to be the object of education—bring similar results.

Character is what we are. A good character is mathematical, where the moral being is exact in its relation with the intellectual. Thus a child should grow up with as fixed ideas of the immutability of law in morals as in mathematics, and as imperative in its demands for obedience, becoming demonstrated science, indispensable in human development.

Elkhart, Wis.

Propaganda in England.

TO THE EDITOR:

I was exceedingly glad to see in the JOURNAL of June 21, an article headed, "Spiritualism for the People," and referring to the Onward Spiritualist Society of England, whose object is the conversion of England to Spiritualism, by the distribution of spiritual literature amongst the people. What a grand and noble enterprise! And why cannot such a society be organized in this country with the same object in view, for of the 14,000,000 of families in this country, at least 10,000,000, and probably 11,000,000, have no idea or conception of Spiritualism, and as it is only a question of dollars and cents, with a little time to place sufficient literature in each family to give a large majority of them the light, what a wonderful harvest for the reapers! Have we less energy and zeal than the English? Where is our boasted enterprise?

J. I. HOLLINGSWORTH,
Winchester, Va.

Joys of Free Faith.

J. P. COOKE.

Of the people who make the contemplation of death, and its hidden meaning, the subject of thought, the Spiritualists are the only ones who take the cheerful view of it which was characteristic of the

earliest Christians. They regarded death as a sort of transfiguration. Spiritualists frequently speak of it as the ascension to the "Higher Life." The relief here is one important blessing—one of our joys. Intelligent Spiritualists learn from their ascended friends that the old materialistic notion is a misconception, for the great revealer, Death, shows us that instead of matter deriving an added function that would lead to spirit, spirit itself is the organizing power and the great solvent of all material existences; that instead of spirit being the outgrowth of organization, spirit itself is the center from which organization must emanate.

Thus the Divine Light, or Spirit, is the great Primal Soul and Positive Mind, in whom every lesser being or spirit is spoken into existence; by whose majestic benevolence we live and breathe and have our Rational Being. We go immediately to the Central Power of Life, Light and Truth, Reason, and the soul's intuition speaks. The sense of relief is unspeakable. Even earthly existence recovers fair proportions as this rational, living faith "sits smiling to our hearts."

As O. B. Frothingham said, when speaking of the Radicals' release from old dogmas: "But no words of description, no words specifying advantages gained, do the least justice to the happy emotions of this great victory." This living knowledge. "The joy brims over; the heart is renewed; poetry and song express the fresh delight. The faces of men and women declare it in their radiant looks; family affection feels it; flowers take the place of a shroud; the coffin is a casket; a thousand signs indicate the bright change that has come over the moral world."

Spiritualists are sometimes charged with living without "God in the world." But if the charge was that they had too much God, it would more nearly state the facts in the case. Can we be living in God's world, breathing in His Spirit, reasoning by His harmonies, without God? Is the inmost life of Love and Goodness a fanciful creation of man's? It is one of the characteristic features of our free faith, that it cannot be without God in this world, for it certainly identifies God with order, with harmony, with beauty, and these are everywhere, both in the world of matter and in the world of mind. To perceive this only in glimpses is ecstasy; to have the perpetual consciousness is a living enchantment.

Look at Emerson! The devout believer in the living operations of law, he was as joyous as the lot of a mortal philosopher permits. Such a mind cannot suffer from doubt, and he dwells above fear. He is sure that with heart within and God overhead, all must be right with the world. The link that binds cause and effect is of pure, shining gold. It is a light that "never was on sea or land," a light within the heart of man—the father light of all our seeing.

When this infantile faith of ours shall have had time to ripen, when it shall have taken possession of the popular mind, so as to be quietly domesticated there, when it shall have tried its efficacy in the department of domestic nurture, when some few generations shall have been reared in it, when it shall have infused its liberal and intelligent soul into literature, written songs, great poems, popular expositions of its rational phil-

osophy, its full power as a ministrant of harmony, joy, love and reasoned truth will be revealed.

Then a change will take place in the habitual feelings of men who will live for the ends of love and of the practical uses of goodness. New emotions will be realized by the experiences of life. Temperaments will also be modified in accordance with the mind's new attitude towards the world of man and the soul of things. The gloom will lift like the morning fog when kissed by the sunbeams, and mankind will learn to look into the face of the Creative Light, with the smile and the confidence of childhood.

Through love to light! Oh, wonderful the way
That leads from darkness to the perfect day!
From darkness and from sorrow of the night
To morning that comes singing o'er the sea.
Through love to light! Through light,
Oh, God, to Thee,
Who art the love of love, the eternal light of light!

'Bearing Life's Burdens.

COLONEL DRYDEN.

Among the many questions that confront mankind, none are greater than "Why do we suffer? Why do all human beings have to bear burdens? Why is it necessary? On every hand, up through the whole animal kingdom, we see that suffering is universal. If man has no volition before birth, at birth, or after birth, why do the clouds of sorrow shut out the sunlight of happiness intended to light the path of every soul? Why is it necessary for man to toil, and struggle, and fight, merely for an existence here?"

These questions can never be answered from the material plane of life. All the skill of all the sciences put together cannot dissect pain.

Whenever man butchers an animal for food, or shoots a quail for pastime, there is suffering and agony. Retributive anger is not the cause of it. An angry God has no existence anywhere, except in the brain of a perverted theology.

Where are we to look for the origin of things?

The earth did not leap into its present condition at a single bound. The oak tree does not spring up into perfect growth in a night. All is in accordance with order, and order is God's first law.

As with matter, so with man: he, too, is subject to the law of evolution; growth, eternal progression, is the law of his life. Harsh discipline is necessary for his best development. Our earth experiences, no matter how bitter, are not stumbling-blocks, but stepping-stones to better things. Each human soul is purified in the crucible of pain. The great Infinite mind knows when the process is complete.

Why do men sit in judgment of their fellow-men?

Infinite love is the purifying fire, and it is guided by the great Refiner himself. The soul is within God's keeping, not man's. There is no death; no vindictive judgment; no angry God, nor burning hell.

Some one may ask how to get rid of our material burdens. The poor man's burden is a double one; he bears both the material burden and the spiritual one.

The Refiner knows just what is needed to bring out and develop the best in every soul. No two

souls require the same experiences. The same kindly power watches over and guides growth in the spiritual world, that governs the material.

It is the spirit within that bears our spiritual burdens. The case is different with the artificial, custom-made burdens of life. Some of these may gall and bind the material man until the spiritual man rebels.

How is the poor man to get rid of his material burdens?

We find the express declaration that God only helps those who help themselves. Spirits and angels are disembodied men and women, who once bore the burdens we are now bearing. They are by no means omnipotent; there are many things they cannot do, and many things they will not do. "Evil is its own avenger, as well as its own destroyer." We cannot rely upon spirits to relieve us of burdens which we can ourselves control. So far as man's material burdens are concerned, he must get rid of them himself.

San Diego, Cal.

Discourteous and Belated.

One of the evidences of the slow progress of religious ideas is the fact that at a recent political convention a prominent clergyman of the traditionalist school appealed to the Son of Man.

It would seem that even if the minister believed that it was better to direct his petition to the Nazarene, from the fact that there were Jews, Unitarians, Hicksite Quakers, and other broad-minded thinkers, who would be disgusted with the belated and discourteous prelate, an appeal to Deity would have been quite proper; but as the Nazarene desired to be known as a prophet, which the minister should know, his want of good manners was apparent.

Even Paul, in his discourse on Mars Hall, quoted from the grand "Pagan" hymn of Cleanthes. A greater than Paul, the late Rabbi Isaac M. Wise, in an able editorial commenting on the assumption of the traditionalists that Christ was God, and that his teachings were simply repeating the Jewish commandments, said:

"Jesus' teachings are unpalatable to the average mass of the nations, so they distorted them until they have no semblance to the original. To make amends for their neglect of his lessons, they deify the teacher, hoping, we believe vainly, that faith and blind worship will atone."

Such were the truthful utterances of the great teacher. They are in entire accord with the teachings of earth's noblest and best. Deeds, not creeds, dominate in this life and all future states of existence. QUAKER.

The Supremacy of Spirit.

It is one of the fundamental affirmations of Spiritualism that man is a spirit, the physical body being the instrument through which he cognizes and operates upon the condition of matter by which he is environed. The majority of mankind, however, do not realize this fact, but look upon the physical body as the man himself. They have some justification for doing so in the fact that the actions of the external man denote to a great extent the character of the internal one; but a more thorough realization of the supremacy of spirit

and the influence of the mind over matter would materially enhance the soul powers, bringing the functions of the body under the control of the spirit, and thus ensuring harmonious action, and maintaining the healthy condition essential to the development of the indwelling spirit, by which it is brought into harmony with nature, and mediately with nature's God.

That the Divine mind must be the source of all vitality, energy and evolution will be apparent to all spiritual thinkers; and in the ratio in which we approach harmonious conditions do we realize our kinship to the divinity and our power to do the Father's will. But harmonious conditions are not to be attained at a bound; the primary essential is the realization of the inherent supremacy of spirit before alluded to, and the focalization of the will (which is the executive of the spirit) to the subjection of all discords in the body or mind; to the control of all selfish propensities, and the practical expression of brotherly love in daily life. The mere affirmative—I am all spirit, I am all good, I am God! which some of our well-meaning metaphysical writers give us as a formula for the attainment of harmony and spiritual power, may temporarily exalt the individual and lift him off his feet for awhile, but cannot permanently sustain him; nothing of any real value is to be obtained without persistent effort, and we cannot all get to the top of the mountain in a balloon—the wind does not blow that way.

Mental Science and Metaphysical teachings, which are attracting considerable attention just now, are hopeful signs of spiritual awakening. They appeal to the spiritual side of man and impress him with the idea of the supremacy of the mind, or spirit; but the tendency of many of the writers is to affirm, or promise, too much; to make the road appear too easy, and thus dishearten those who fail to reach the goal by leaps and bounds. Few works surpass those of W. F. Evans; his Mental Cure, Mental Medicine, and Soul and Body, contain the essence of Christian Science, Mental Science and Metaphysical Healing, and we think he may justly be considered the father of these schools of thought; but we must go back to the earlier writings of Andrew Jackson Davis for the fundamental idea, the "pneuma gastric" remedy, the application of the soul force to the expulsion of disease, and the restoration of harmonious physical condition.

He teaches that the human brain is a spiritual or vital galvanic battery; that the spirit is (or should be) the intelligent operator or director of this battery, and that it connects with every part of the organism, and, wisely operated, can regulate all the bodily functions. But wisdom is a primary essential, and this which he describes as "the embodiment and image of universal harmony, and the ever-blooming flower of the Divine mind," is not to be acquired hastily, but by diligent application, observation, experience and reflection.

The seeker after Divine wisdom should always remember that he is a terrestrial as well as a spiritual being, and whilst climbing heavenward never lose touch of the earth, but preserve both his physical and mental equilibrium. His position will then be stable, and his influence on his fellow mortals far more definite than that of those who live and move and have their

being in the ideal. The ideal will be our reality by and by, when we reach the spiritual plane, but meantime mundane things impress their reality upon us, and the true philosopher will endeavor to realize both, and preserve the equilibrium between them.—*Harbinger of Light.*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

JULIAN MACRAE.

"Whosoever denieth me before men, him also will I deny before my Father who is in heaven."

These words from the old Bible may be for the orthodox people, and many Spiritualists may be comforting themselves with the idea that they are "liberals" and not subject to the denial of Jesus. Be not deceived. To-day, this issue is facing the individuals forming the School of Thought now called Spiritualism. Are you aware—are you conscious of the fact that you daily deny your Lord? I shall speak most plainly. You individuals in every walk of life deny, by your every act, that you believe in the reality of spirit. True, you go to the medium to enquire if your dead uncle or aunt left you anything in the will, but so do the heathen, Christians and orthodox generally. Let me show you.

1. There is spirit. There is spirit power. There is something that moves tables; makes up physical forms; displays intelligence; gives tests so convincing that the most advanced scientists of the age accept the evidence. 2. You accept tests; you accept valuable, precious comfort and information, and use it for your financial advancement. 3. Under ordinary circumstances, this should make a hearty, whole-souled man out of you. But, alas! the result is the form of a man without moral courage. You deny your Lord. How? By your acts. Where and how do you conduct your business? Has the spirit-world anything to do with it? Do you take cognizance of the guidance of angelic intelligence in your daily transactions? I say no. You positively deny it. If you had the manliness to acknowledge before men—to speak the truth, to live the truth, to be the truth, Spiritualism would be a mighty power in every land to-day. Instead of that, it is a certain number of atoms scattered everywhere and manifesting a strong tendency toward repulsion and further separateness, and entirely lacking the power of cohesion and conscious unification.

I am not going to scold you. I am going to love you and bless you. For, with all your faults, you are the salt of the earth. I freely forgive you, because you do not understand the inter-dependence. You have not been told how absolutely the spirit-world is dependent on you for its progression. You need Consciousness in order to formulate an intelligent purpose. Intelligent Purpose is the spirit and life that shall attract all the scattered atoms and form the New Spiritualism, or the New Dispensation. A perfect organization is the outcome or creation of the Divine Purpose. Perfect, loving, constant acknowledgment of the Inner-Life, or Cause, is our true way of becoming the direct mediums of the Power of the Spirit, whose one eternal purpose is to uplift humanity, or to make man in his own image. To-day the spirit-world is suffering untold anguish through our unbelief and our failure to provide mediums or means of communication.

I plead with you, rich and poor alike, to cease your feeble infidelity, to overcome fear of man and to come out as true scientists and begin to be. I plead with all mediums to sink and lose their personal differences in an outflow of compassion for our beloved ones beyond the line of time. The demon to be overcome is Fear. I solemnly assure you, my children, that you are afraid of the wrong party. You are afraid of man, who has no power, instead of obeying the spirit, who has all-power. Acknowledgment means the carrying into your life your knowledge of the spirit. We do not truly acknowledge any truth until we begin to live that truth. The truth of Spiritualism is the Unity of Life and the Universality of Being. The Law of Life is this: Life is. It exists by, or in Form. Then let us make a Form. Let us unite the dispersed of Israel. Let us have one Central Parent Society in the city, but not in any way interfering with the splendid activity of the present individual societies.

Those to whom this suggestion may appeal, will kindly address the JOURNAL and join those willing to acknowledge. Every Spiritualist on earth must become a medium; every medium must become a perfect medium. That is real, practical, actual acknowledgment. "Here

am I, Lord; send me." Go. Say that I Am hath sent thee. That is the teaching of every spirit who has ever communicated.

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The International Psychical Congress at Paris, which is to be held in conjunction with the Exposition, convenes on Sept. 15, and continues twelve days. Mrs. Addie L. Ballou of San Francisco, who is a delegate from the National Spiritualists' Association, will start for Paris about August 20. Those intending to visit the great Fair, who are interested in this congress of religions, might time their visit so as to be present.

Scientific Morality.—That morality is a part of the science of life, rather than the result of religion, is becoming pretty well established in the public mind. This is well, for religions change, but science is eternal. The moral tone of the people is too important to be dependent upon the shifting sands of religious belief for a foundation. The words "scientific morality" will soon succeed "Christian morality" in common use.

The Peacemakers of the world are having a hard time of it. The magazine of that name starts its nineteenth volume, with the oldest and most populous nation making war upon the world. Perhaps, after all, this is the best way to secure permanent peace. Let them fight it out to a finish, and forever afterward chain their dogs of war. Enlightened people are getting very tired of the recent display of barbarism.

Spiritualist Periodicals should always maintain a cheerful and optimistic attitude. This is their duty, as well as their privilege.

W. J. Colville is reported by the *Harbinger of Light* to be doing splendid work in Australia, lecturing before Spiritualist societies and children's lyceums.

A Good Sign.

The editors of the secular press of the country are beginning to give pleasant notices like the following, where only a few years ago, if we were noticed at all, it was in the spirit of ridicule. This from the Columbus, Ohio, *Dispatch* is a hopeful sign of liberality of the press:

The young people of the Spiritual Camp at Worthington entertained with a delightful musical and literary program. A large audience rewarded their efforts, and the young people royally entertained. The spirit tests by Mrs. Stewart were fine, and the fortune-telling by the gypsies was a novel feature. A dance will be given, and a large number have signified their intention of attending. The music will be by the Columbus city orchestra.

Calamity Howlers.—A certain class of people, small in number, but loud and continuousness of voice, aptly designated as "Calamity Howlers," infest the world today. The intelligent man and the good citizen, if he sees a possible evil or pending danger, feels impelled to seek or invent a method to overcome or obviate it; but the calamity howler only howls. He is never an instrument of good, but sometimes does evil because his baneful noise frightens the timid or grates the nerves of those within its influence.

There are many of such in the ranks of Spiritualism, as well as in other avenues. We are optimistic; we look on the bright side; we try to see the good, the pure, the true, and desire to be blind to all that is untrue, unreal and deceptive. If we are doing our duty, trying to overcome evil with good; to build up instead of tearing down, we shall have no use for pessimistic ideas, or calamity howling.

The Mind Cure, for social evils, taught by a large number of advanced thinkers, has been so clearly expressed by Fanny M. Harley, that we quote her words:

Many public workers for reforms undoubtedly mean well when they take pains to expose social evils, rail at rich trusts and corporations, and expose all oppression in general; but how much more practical good could they achieve if they would concertedly use the true word which is so omnipotent to accomplish, when it is persistently spoken. Because humanity, as a whole, does not know the power of true thinking, and therefore does not exercise it, need not deter one soul, who has somewhat of this knowledge, from giving his most heartfelt efforts to directing thought-force for the public good; for "Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?"

France.—A new Institute of Psychic Sciences has been created in Paris, for the investigation of all matters of psychic interest. The secretary of the society is Dr. Emile Legrand, 14 Rue d'Amsterdam, Paris, to whom all communications can be addressed.

Popular Spiritualism.

Mrs. D. E. Paine of Canton, N. Y., in the *Progressive Thinker*, gives utterance to ringing words upon this subject. We make the following extract from her article:

Do I hear the question asked, if Spiritualism will ever become a popular religion? My friends, Spiritualism is to-day the most popular religion in the world. It is a religion that, if rightly understood by the people, would be wished to be believed by nearly everyone. It is embraced by hundreds every year, and they are becoming Spiritualists in every church all over our land. Some do not know it, and some know enough of Spiritualism to recognize to what society they belong.

A Severe Test of the civilization of to-day is found in the situation in China. It would seem that the atrocities perpetrated upon the accredited representatives of the different governments of the world in Pekin, China, ought to be avenged in some way; but the teachings of modern philosophy and religion forbid any but the mildest punishment, and that must be free from the spirit of retaliation.

The civilization of the 20th century is in the hands of those who claim to be leaders of thought and action. The philosophers (?) *post mortem*, who tell us of "what might have been," in the "great" Sunday dailies, will, of course, continue to work upon the emotions of the people, and arouse in them the passions which have been the ruling sentiment of the world for hundreds of years. But we claim to stand upon the new "Mars Hill" and proclaim "a more excellent way" to those who have been worshipping an "unknown God." The modern *Christ* comes to bring peace; that peace which comes from applied philosophy.

Are you ready for the application? If not, you should begin rehearsal at once, for the day of judgment is upon us, and we must make a stand for liberty or death. The question of the hour is, Shall the world be ruled during the coming century by physical force, or by the power of intellect, spirituality and common sense? The needs of the hour are: A spiritually-minded press, priesthood and people.

Prof. Weltmer writes us from Nevada, Mo., in regard to the late unpleasantness with the Weltmer School of Healing.

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The Home is Secured.

This will be welcome news to all and it is with pleasure that we give space to the following:

TO THE EDITOR:

I feel that you will all be glad to learn that the N. S. A. Home fund is growing, and we trust that all friends who have been waiting to see if it is to be a success, before they donate to it, will now send in their money, for it is needed, and there is no doubt but that the Home will be secured.

I have just received another donation from the noble soul who before sent \$1,000. This second contribution is of \$800. He is determined that the Mayer fund shall not want for his help, and the money he has saved, by hard labor, he gives with his blessing to this glorious Cause.

Such a grand example will surely inspire others to come forward with their aid. We now need \$1,000 in cash to complete the fund. If all who have pledged will redeem their promises, as we trust they will, it ought not to take the Spiritualists of the country long to raise \$1,000, and we believe that now the Home is as good as secured, they will hasten to contribute what they can.

The work and influence for Spiritualism, of the N. S. A., is growing, and we are gratified at the results. The outlook is promising. With cordial greetings to all,

MARY T. LONGLEY, Sec. N. S. A.
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The Reviewer.

Any of the books noticed in this Department can be obtained at this office. When to be sent by mail, add 10 cents on the dollar, of the price, for postage.

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Preachers and Creeds, by David B. Page of Kansas City, and D. K. Tenney of Madison, Wis. Mr. Tenney writes in prose of "The Predestination of Preachers," and Mr. Page of "The Passing of the Creeds," in poetry. H. L. Green, publisher, 213 East Indiana St., Chicago, Ill. Price, 10 cents.

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BASIC PRINCIPLES.

As this department is intended to benefit students and patients connected with all schools of healing, the matter of these lessons will be arranged on very broad and general lines, and expressed in the simplest possible terms. In my introduction, I was bold enough to say that bands, or societies, of healing spirits were anxious to operate. This statement will at once arouse the amiable commiseration of my mental, Christian, and other scientist friends. They want to push and flood me with the light and the lore of vibrations, silences, demands, auto-suggestions, Karma, Good, and so on.

Well, my children, be patient: I have studied all those ideas and find them all very good. Still, I have courage and experience enough to declare what I know, and while I am declaring myself, it will be found that I have included and harmonized into a beautifully-planned scheme, every school of healing or helping. Let not any one judge too quickly and assume that I am only a Spiritualist, and that I attribute all manifestations to the action of spirits. Be patient, and exercise the common sense of true science. I will now state my First Principles, and deal with them in a general way. In succeeding chapters division and differentiation will take place.

The First Principle is a universal Being, absolute in the fact that it is not differentiated. It is perfectly pure, because it is uncontaminated by any purpose or desire whatever. In very truth, that is the only state or condition that is perfectly well and entirely free from disease—"separate from sinners," as the written Word puts it. This is a state of unconsciousness, but it is not a state of purity or holiness. All the instruction I may be permitted to give through this department will deal with the grand mystery of becoming, and show the difference between the unconsciousness of the infinite consciousness and the joyous life-giving assurance of the Divine human personal consciousness.

This condition of absoluteness is barren. In order to come into manifestation, it becomes impregnated with the desire to become conscious of itself by seeing itself expressed, or, as we say, self-conscious. This can only be done by a process of reflection or reproduction. It must reproduce itself in order to see that it can reproduce itself; otherwise, it would be compelled to remain an eternal ideality impotent to become an ever-living actuality. The first desire to manifest is the Infinite Purpose, or Love. From a sentimental point of view, the term "infinite love" sounds very attractive, but from a scientific point of view it clearly implies dis-ease. The more the grand torpor of the first purposeless condition is assailed by the vehement passion of the impregnating Purpose, the more removed is the state of primal healthfulness, and the more the subject state becomes affected by the disease. It must follow, then, that the greater the manifestation, the greater the dis-ease. It must also inevitably follow that perfect health means perfect death. The more violent the cosmic convulsions, the more immanent are the assurances of more highly evolved cosmic manifestations.

Change your view-point from the universal to the particular, from All to man. Perfect health is the most undesirable of all conditions. The effort to restore man to a state of inaction is simply insisting upon his death, and it is written, "Thou shalt not murder." The purpose of the infinite is to manifest or express itself. The purpose of the atom man must be exactly the same: to express his particular selfhood. This is my Second Principle.

The primal impregnating desire acts by a Law that is infinite in its wisdom and perfectly adapted to give expression to the infinite Will. The atom man being, on his plane, an embodiment of the infinite will and the Infinite wisdom, is especially prepared to give expression to the man principle in the grand scheme of manifestation. This is my Third Principle.

The impelling desire and the guiding wisdom blending in holy coalition, produce an outcome or offspring, more mighty than either, because it has the properties of each and is both. It is the Reproducing Power and the Center of Generation of Being. Then, the Divine Reality is, one as to Being, but a Trinity as to principles. The atom man is one and similarly three, and contains within

himself the potentialities of an endless and infinite becoming.

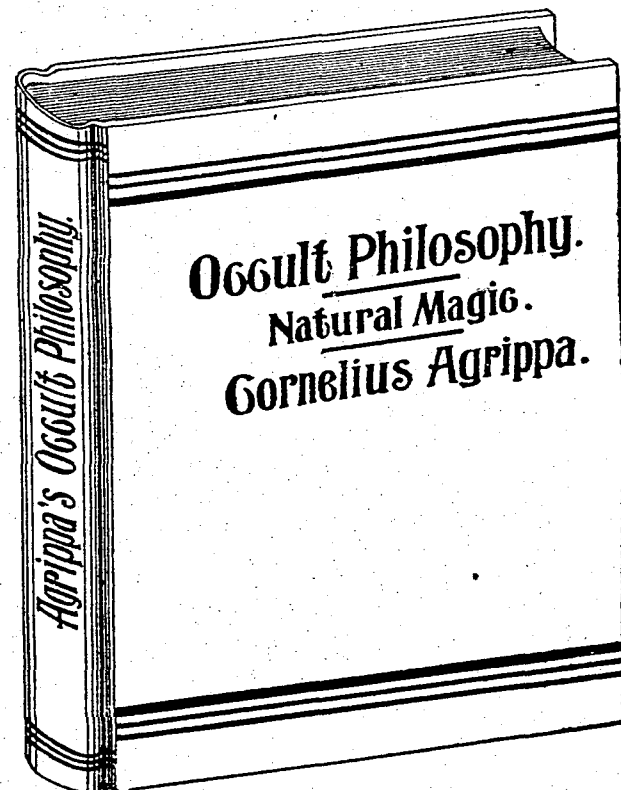
That system of healing which best enables the body, or instrument of man to give expression to his eternal purpose, must surely be the one most to be coveted. And undoubtedly it will be a system embracing all others and gratefully using every human experience for the guidance of the indwelling desire. In a few words, the idea for to-day is this: Man is an instrument, or medium, of expression on the man plane; the more perfect the instrument, the more pure the expression. Healing is the means used for the tuning of the instrument. Disease is a condition continually consequent upon the tuning or preparing of the instrument. Those who are entering upon consciousness rejoice that they are afflicted. Those who are not aware of their purpose do not rejoice, but they are afflicted just the same. Here the statement, "Whom He loveth he chasteneth," applies.

In the next issue, the first idea, suggestion, or lesson, will appear.

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And when within, find nothing to fear.
Those who have striven the "well done"
to win,
Feel in the palace home comfort and
cheer.

For obedience brings a sure reward,
Obedience actuated by love;
Love to the neighbor, as well as the Lord,
Will bring one his own from around
and above.

Do prophets and unseen ones always
know,
So that we them can implicitly trust?
While much for us the advanced ones
may do,
Each for himself must eat, think,
sleep and rest.

We must stand alone, accepting with
grace
The proffers of help on every hand,
Believing all things, hoping apace;
On this rock of charity all must stand.

And when developed to a prophet's size
With the many diversities of gifts,
Who will believe his report, or arise
To the help of widening the human
rifts?

Yes, the rifts in the clouds of human
woe!

Can any be happy while others sorrow?
These are troublous times for both high
and low,
But Hope points on to a bright to-
morrow.

The wise in reality do find rest—
Find rest to their souls amidst dis-
content.

If each does his best, on improvement
bent,
He can rule his stars and environment.
San Diego, Calif. Mrs. C. K. SMITH.



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Letter from Massachusetts.

TO THE EDITOR:

I write now to let my friends
know that I have not passed across
the "River," but that I am still in
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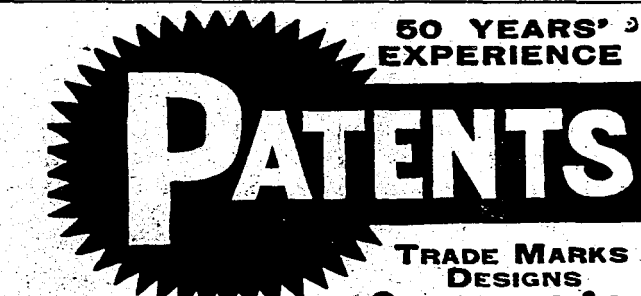
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Mrs. Harriet Wrenn, for many years a prominent medium and energetic worker in the spiritual cause in San Francisco and vicinity, has closed her Sunday evening meetings in Lower Scottish Hall, and will take a vacation and make some visits to friends. Mrs. Wrenn is an ordained minister, and has many friends in this city.

Ladies' Aid.—The social and business meetings of this society, held every Wednesday afternoon in Occidental Hall, are well attended and interesting. The regular monthly social and dance will be on Friday evening, July 27, in the same place, 305 Larkin St.

Oakland.—The Golden Rule Circle is holding meetings each Sunday evening, in Gier's Hall, 511 14th St. Dr. Wm. Penn Haworth is the regular pastor of this society, and in addition to the usual inspirational lecture, he also gives psychometric readings and spirit messages from the platform. In this latter work he is ably assisted by Miss Hattie M. Myers, a young and gifted medium from Seattle. This Golden Rule Society is attracting the attention of the public very favorably, by a fair and impartial treatment of the philosophy and phenomena of Spiritualism.

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Great Interest is manifested in Dr. Carey's Wednesday evening meetings at School of the Science of Being and Chemistry of Life at 204 McAllister St., San Francisco, Cal. Last Wednesday evening the questions, "Why is Marriage a Failure?" "The Chinese War," "Man in the Image of God," and many others were discussed. All are free to ask questions—in fact, the meetings are held for that purpose.

Congratulations.—We learn with pleasure that our friends, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe-Watson, her daughter, Mrs. Grant Taylor of Santa Clara, Cal., and Mrs. H. E. Robinson of this city, have fallen heirs to a considerable sum of money by the will of the late capitalist of this city, Mr. Francis H. Woods. The bequests to the three named aggregates \$20,000, as follows: Mrs. Watson, \$10,000; Mrs. Taylor, \$2,000, and Mrs. Robinson, \$8,000, and \$50 a month so long as she remains a widow.

Mr. Johnson, an enthusiastic Spiritualist of Minnesota, is visiting the Pacific Coast, and attended the dedication services at Oakland last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Van Loven of Oakland mourn the loss of a child about two years old, who passed to spirit-life on last Sunday morning. This is their second bereavement within a short time.

The Mission Lyceum will give a Bon-Bon party in Mission Opera Hall, 2131 Mission St., on Saturday evening, July 28. There will be nine numbers on the musical and literary program, followed by a dance and refreshments.

Dedication Service.

The Oakland Psychical Society having secured Woodman's Hall, 521 12th St., invited all their friends to participate in its dedication to the spiritual work last Sunday. The services opened with a conference meeting at 11 a.m., participated in by Mrs. F. A. Logan, Mrs. Sophie Seip, Mrs. Courtwright, Mr. Carter, Mr. Clark and others.

The afternoon session opened with music by the society's choir, and an invocation by Mrs. R. S. Lillie. This was followed by an address by Thos. G. Newman, editor of the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, on "Light from the Spirit-World, and our Duty as the Light-Bearers." Prof. Richard Young rendered his latest original production on the violin. Its enchanting tones called forth prolonged applause and an encore. Prof. Bothwell rendered fine piano accompaniments. Mrs. R. S. Lillie followed with an eloquent address reviewing the spiritual thought of the past half century, leading up to grand possibilities in the future. Mrs. Lillie gave a beautiful improvised poem on Harmony. Mr. J. T. Lillie and Mrs. M. E. Coleman sang "Where the Roses Ne'er Shall Wither," and Mrs. Lillie dismissed the audience with a benediction.

The evening session opened with singing "The Year of Jubilee" by the choir and congregation; an invocation by Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe Watson, and a duet by Mr. J. T. Lillie and Mrs. Coleman—"Life, Beautiful Life." Mrs. Watson then delivered an eloquent and stirring address. Mr. and Mrs. Lillie sang "The Beautiful Island of Sometime." Mrs. Watson dismissed the audience with a benediction.

Mrs. Michener, president of the society, gracefully presided at all the meetings; Mr. J. T. Lillie directed the musical part of the program, which was very fine. The new home of this society is beautifully frescoed and elegantly furnished, and the Psychical Society may be proud of it and of their dedicatory services.

Hermetic Brotherhood.—At the open meeting last Thursday evening at 509 Van Ness Ave., there was a short address on physical culture, followed by an able paper on "What do we owe to the Unspeakable Life About us?" There were five-minute talks and music. The topic next week will be "Fences."

At Dr. Hall's Meeting, 20 Eddy St., last Sunday the subject was "Mastery." The conclusion was that, "No man can master the world until he has first mastered himself." Music by Miss Lee, entertainment by Mr. Gans.

Oakland.—The conference meetings being held in Fraternal Hall, Oakland, Cal., are growing more and more interesting every Sunday. There is an increased attendance and some very interesting speakers. Alfred Oridge of San Francisco, and Mr. Andrews of Berkeley, have given us some fine talks. Drs. Howarden and Coon have interested the people; so also have others, including a number of ladies, among whom Mrs. Dr. Astor is prominent. The subject on July 15 was: "What Shall we do to Make the World Better for our Children?" and the same subject, was continued on July 22. The meetings are held every Sunday at 3 p.m. All are invited to participate.

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People's Lecture Association was organized on Sunday, July 15, at Scottish Hall. The objects of this new society, as set forth in their platform, is to promote mental freedom and the attainment of knowledge and self-culture, by lectures on a wide variety of topics, and from various speakers, from different standpoints of belief; and by music, readings, short speeches from the audience, free discussions, and other means to discover truth, and thus promote the intellectual and moral welfare of each other. All are invited to cooperate with this liberal movement in its efforts to create good-will and spread the light.

On last Sunday, Dr. J. L. York spoke to a goodly audience, under the auspices of this Association, on "Agnosticism," after which there were some short talks and the election of officers. On next Sunday evening, at 8 o'clock sharp, Dr. J. L. York and J. F. Morton will speak in Upper Scottish Hall on "Evolution" and "Expansion." A good program is promised. All invited. Admission free.

To Societies.—The secretary of the State Spiritualists' Association would like the name and address of the secretary of every Spiritualist society in California at once. He has something of importance to communicate. Address W. T. Jones, 601 California St., San Francisco, Cal.

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Oakland.—The Union Spiritual Society met at 856 1/2 Isabella St. on Wednesday evening, July 18. Brother Ellis read a poem. Dr. Haworth opened by a few remarks, followed by Dr. Palmbaum with spirit messages. Then Mrs. Johnson of San Diego gave some very fine tests. These meetings are very successful, our hall being well filled. All mediums are invited. Vox.

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At present campers coming to our valley may obtain tents, camp equipments, provisions and fishing tackle cheaply at Denver. These should be shipped to Mayfield's Spur on the Colorado and Southern Railway. Mayfield's Spur is located 45 miles west of Denver, and passengers coming to the camp should leave the train at Mayfield's. Our camp is only one-quarter of a mile from the Spur. Coming up the wagon road, through the valley, there unfolds a many-pictured landscape, grandly ponderous mountain prospects and profusion of Summer hues and mountain-tinted flowers.

The Platte River, only one-quarter of a mile from camp, holds out inducements to fishermen as being, beyond question, the best-stocked trout stream in Colorado; or, if any be in need of rest or feel the desire for study, they will find a camp in this beautiful valley an ideal-filling place.

We would be pleased to entertain correspondence with parties able to join us in establishing a sanitarium here in this beautiful vitalizing spot. Address:

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